



A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Week 3 Lesson 3 Preview

John 1: 35-51



MEMORIAL DRIVE
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I Will Follow
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MEMORY VERSE

**For the law was given through Moses,
grace and truth came through
Jesus Christ.**

John 1:17

Game Discipleship

**Coach
Jesus**

Players

**John
Andrew
Simon Peter
Philip
Nathanael**

Playbook

- 1. Time**
- 2. Share**

A few quick facts on the apostle

John

P J **J** A P B M T J S T J



Son of Thunder

Jesus gives John and his brother James the nickname “Sons of Thunder” (Mk 3:17). This could refer to their speech, tempers, or ambition.



According to church tradition, John is the “disciple Jesus loved” in the Gospel of John—though there are a few other theories.

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John is one of the three disciples Jesus keeps closest. Peter and James are the others. (Mk 5:37; Mt 1–7:12, 26:37)

III

John is considered a “pillar” in the church, along with Peter and another James (Jesus’ brother). (Ga 2:9)

John writes the most

John has written more of the New Testament than any other member of the twelve (Matthew’s next). According to tradition, John wrote:

Gospel of John

1 John

2 John

3 John

Revelation

That’s just under 5% of the Bible. In fact, only Luke and Paul write more of the New Testament than John.



John ministered in Ephesus, and was exiled to the Isle of Patmos for his faith. Traditions vary on how the apostle John died. (Rev 1:9)

John

- Son of Thunder
- Younger son of Zebedee
- Brother of James
- Disciple of John the Baptist
- Beloved Disciple



A few quick facts on the apostle

Andrew

P J J **A** P B M T J S T J

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Protokletos (first-called)

Andrew is the first of the twelve to follow the Lord in the Bible. After spending a day with Him, Andrew knows Jesus is the Messiah. (Jn 1:38-41)



Before following Jesus, Andrew follows another man of God: John the Baptist. (Jn 1:35-37, 40)



Andrew is a fisherman (with Peter, James, and John) before Jesus calls him. (Mt 4:18-19)



Andrew (with Peter, James, and John) privately asks Jesus about the future. (Mk 13:3)

From working nets to networking?

The Bible doesn't say much about Andrew, but when Andrew is part of the story, he's introducing people to Jesus:

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Simon Peter
(Jn 1:41)



Boy with loaves and fish, which feed 5,000
(Jn 6:8-9)

Ἑλλῆνες

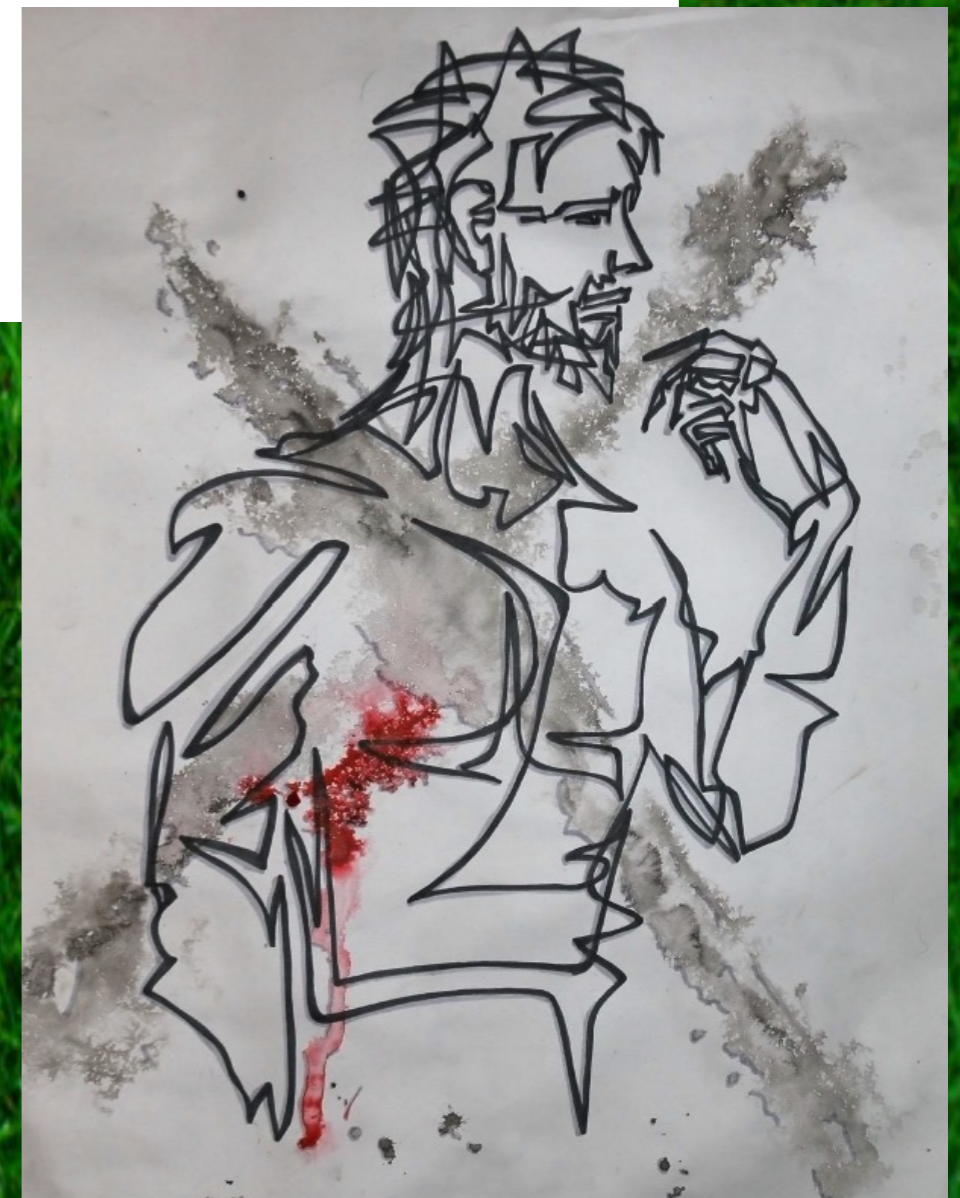
God-fearing Greeks
(Jn 12:20-22)



According to tradition, Andrew was bound to an X-shaped cross in Achaea and crucified by the sea. Even today, you can see Saint Andrew's Cross on the Flag of Scotland, as Andrew is Scotland's patron saint.

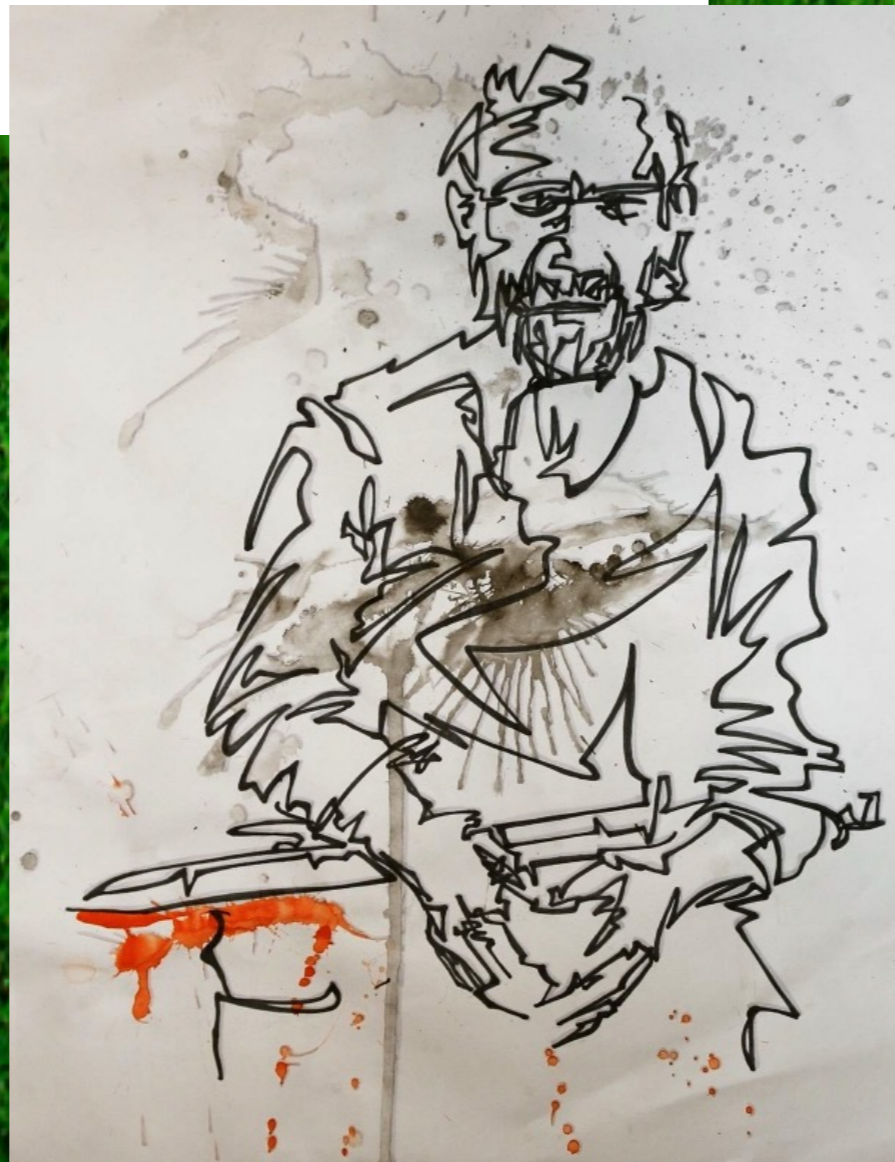
Andrew

- Protokletos – first called
- Disciple of John the Baptist
- Fisherman
- Brother of Simon Peter



Simon Peter

- Simon – listener Peter - rock
- Brother of Andrew
- Fisherman



A few quick facts on the apostle

Simon Peter

P J J A P B M T J S T J



Peter rocks

When Jesus meets Simon, He calls him “Peter,” which means “stone,” and the name sticks (Jn 1:42). Peter is the most prominent of the apostles.

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Fellow apostle Matthew says Peter is first among the twelve.

(Mt 10:2)

Peter is the main leader of the early Jewish church.

(Ac 2:14; Ga 2:7-9)



3

Peter famously denies Jesus three times during His trial. But to Peter's credit, nine of the other apostles turn tail and run; only Peter and another disciple follow Jesus to His trial.

(Jn 18:15-16)

Mark

Late in Peter's life, he and Mark worked together in ministry.

According to tradition, the Gospel of Mark was written from Peter's memories.

(1 Pe 5:13)



Peter wrote two books of the Bible: First and Second Peter.

He wrote these letters to Christians living as foreigners across the Roman empire.

(1 Pe 1:1; 2 Pe 2:1)



Peter was martyred in Rome for the Lord he once denied. According to tradition, he requested to be crucified upside-down, as he was unworthy to die in the same manner as his King.

A few quick facts on the apostle **Philip**

P J J A **P** B M T J S T J



Knows the Old Testament

When Jesus calls Philip, he tells his friend Nathaniel that he has found
“Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote.”
(Jn 1:38-41)



Philip seems quite the pragmatist. Before Jesus miraculously feeds 5,000 people, Philip says there’s no way they can afford to feed them all.
(Jn 6:5-7)

Ἑλλῆν

Philip is a Greek name, and some God-fearing Greeks approach him in order to meet Jesus.
(Jn 12:20-22)



Before Jesus’ death, Philip does not understand how fully Jesus represents the Father.
(Jn 14:8-11)

Philip is mentioned in all four gospels and Acts, but his only speaking roles are in the Gospel of John.



Don’t get confused!

There are at least three Philips mentioned in the New Testament—Philip the apostle is easily confused with Philip the evangelist in Acts.
(Ac 6:5, 8:5ff)

PHILIP

According to tradition, Philip took the gospel to Greece (with Bartholomew and Philip’s sister), and was martyred in Hierapolis. His tomb was reportedly found there in 2011.

Philip

- **Greek Name – horse lover**
- **Brother of Nathanael**
- **Knows the Old Testament**



Nathanael

- Hebrew – gift from God
- Brother of Philip
- Bartholomew?



A few quick facts on the apostle

Bartholomew

P J J A P **B** M T J S T J



A man without deceit

When Jesus meets Nathanael, He calls him “an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit.”
(Jn 1:47)

Bartholomew or Nathanael?

The church has generally assumed that the apostle Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person. There are a few reasons for this:

Matthew, Mark, and Luke include Bartholomew in their lists of the twelve apostles, but never mention a Nathanael.

John never mentions Bartholomew, but he includes Nathanael in stories that otherwise only feature other apostles.

“Bartholomew” means “Son of Tolmai.” It’s possible that Nathanael’s father was Tolmai, so he was called Bartholomew.

This infographic assumes that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same. We know almost nothing about Bartholomew otherwise!



Nathanael has his doubts when Philip tells him Jesus is the Messiah, asking, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”
(Jn 1:45–46)



Nathanael goes fishing with six other apostles and witnesses an apparition of the risen Jesus Christ on the Sea of Galilee.
(Jn 21)

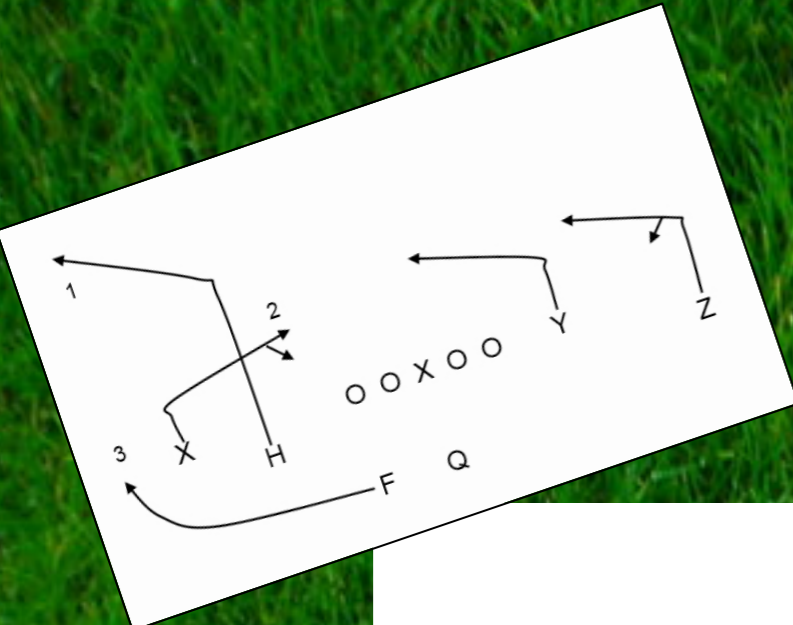


The rest is a mystery. Some traditions say Bartholomew takes a copy of the Gospel of Matthew to India. In other stories, Bartholomew goes to Greece with Philip. He may have been beaten to death, drowned, or beheaded.

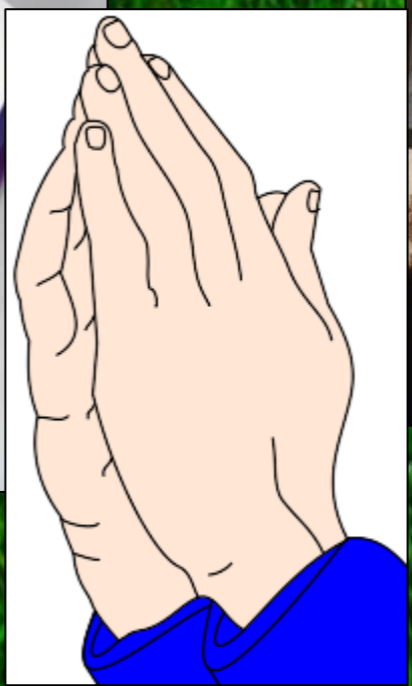
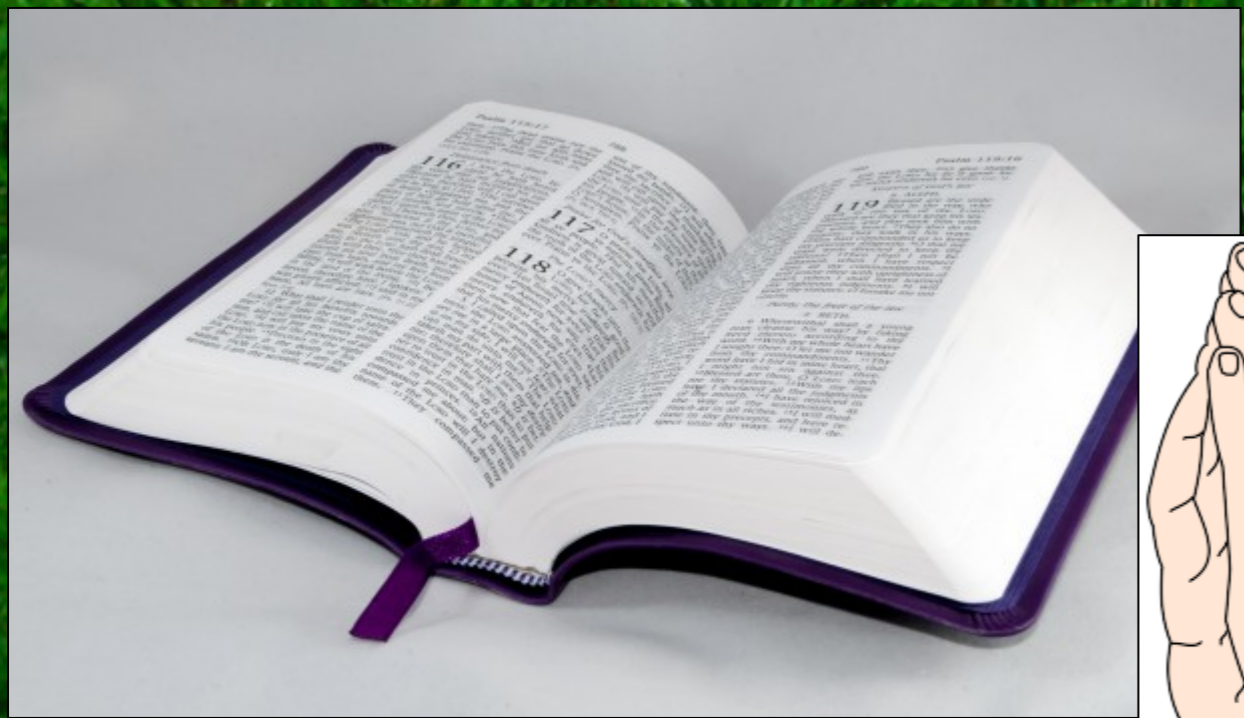
Jesus

- **Messiah (vv. 20, 41)**
 - **the Prophet (v. 21)**
 - **Jesus (v. 29)**
 - **Lamb of God (v. 29, 36)**
- **One who baptizes with the Spirit (v. 33)**
 - **chosen [Son] of God (v. 34)**
 - **rabbi/teacher (vv. 38,49)**
 - **Christ/anointed one (v. 41)**
 - **son of Joseph (v. 45)**
 - **Nazarene (v. 45)**
 - **Son of God (v. 49)**
 - **King of Israel (v. 49)**
 - **Son of Man (v. 51)**

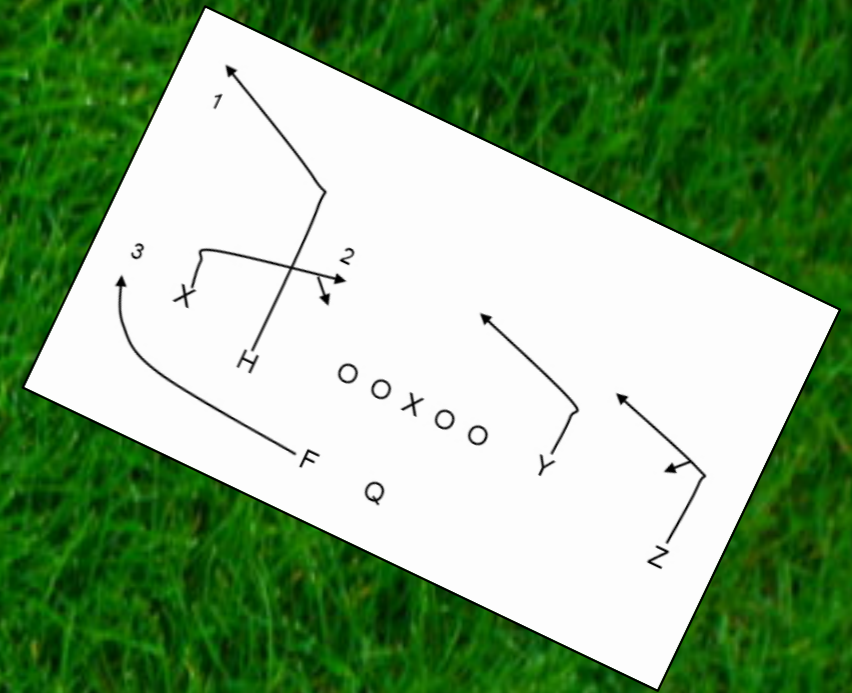
Playbook



Spend Time with Him



Playbook



Tell others about Him



Applying the Lesson In Your Life

**Who is God calling you to
recruit for Jesus Christ?**