

Andrew

Scripture Text: Matthew 10:2-4

- Not much is known or recorded Biblically about this Apostle. However, what is recorded is noteworthy.
- History tells us he was born between 5-10AD in Bethsaida, Galilee, and dies at age 62, or 67-72AD. Brother of Peter.
- Name means “manly, brave” and Greek tradition states he was martyred by crucifixion in Achaea, possibly tied, not nailed, to an X-shaped cross because he said he wasn’t worthy to die the same way Jesus died.
- Scotland’s flag, the Saltin, is also called St. Andrew’s Flag – X-shaped cross

Andrew is known for bringing people to Christ!

1. Andrew brings Peter – John 1:35-42
 - a. Location: Bethsaida
 - i. Hometown of Peter, Andrew, Philip
 - ii. Jesus healed a blindman near here, Mark 8:22-26
 - iii. Jesus also feeds the 5000 near here (more on this in a minute)
 - b. John the Baptist is identifying Jesus
 - i. Key v. 36
 - ii. V.39 – same invitation today
 - c. Andrew was listening to John – v. 40
 - i. Evidently both brothers had been looking for Jesus – v. 41
 - ii. Imagine the sense of joy they experienced!
 - d. Main point: Andrew saw the importance of bringing his family to Christ!
 - i. There is a good chance that the person that brought you to Christ was a family member.
 - ii. Are you returning the favor?
2. Andrew brings a lad – John 6:1-14
 - a. Location: near Bethsaida
 - b. Previous events:
 - i. Matthew 14 is the parallel passage. These events occur immediately after the death of John the Baptist and immediately before Jesus and Peter walking on the water.
 - ii. They were tired and mentally exhausted.
 - iii. Needed to rest but 5000 men followed them!
 - c. The story – only miracle recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
 - i. Problem: not enough food to feed 24,000+ people! 200 days’ wage was not enough to barely feed them all, let alone fulfilling their hunger.
 - ii. According to the 2010 census, Shelbyville had 20,355 people, Mt. Juliet had 23,677, and Lebanon had 26,190 people – for size comparison.
 - iii. Solution: Andrew finds a lad with not the most lavish of lunches.

- d. Main point: Andrew saw a problem and found a solution
 - i. Others were saying it was Impossible but Andrew knew Christ could do all!
 - ii. Do we focus on the fact that some may not have the answer **OR** are we looking for a way to help all while trusting in the Lord?
- 3. Andrew brings Greeks to Christ – John 12:20-22
 - a. Location: Jerusalem – v.12
 - i. We are 6 days out from Passover, v. 1, ‘Holy Week’
 - ii. This is the “Triumphant Entry” of Jesus – the entry into the town where he would accomplish the whole reason He came to the Earth!
 - b. Greeks not allowed to receive Christ’s teachings yet
 - i. Acts 10/11 is when the Gentiles are welcomed in
 - ii. This is not the first time Gentiles have wanted to come to Christ
 - c. Andrew, with Philip, bring this to Jesus’ attention – He already knew!
 - i. This sets Christ up to once again explain his purpose for being in Jerusalem – v. 23, 28
 - ii. Jesus admonishes his listeners to walk in light and not in darkness, v. 35-36
 - d. Main point: Andrew teamed up to bring lost to Christ
 - i. Sometimes we need help in bringing the lost to Christ – even associating with those that are considered as a “social outcast.”
 - ii. Are we willing – individually or teaming up – to bring the lost to Christ?

Although not much is recorded of Andrew, what is recorded speaks volumes!

Will you be like Andrew? Bring your:

- 1. Family
- 2. Helpful answer and trusting heart
- 3. Lost

To Christ!

If not, start doing so today! It is easy to start within your own family!

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