

LIVING GODS WILL

The Apostle

PHILIP



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Born: BC 6, Bethsaida, Galilee
Died: AD 80, Hierapolis, Anatolia
Death: Tortured and then crucified upside down

He was **good friends** with the **Apostle Bartholomew**

He had a **sister** named **Mariamne**

He was a **follower** of **John the Baptist**

He was one of the **original 12 disciples**

There are four different men named **Philip** mentioned in the Bible. **Phillip** was the name of two of **King Herod** the Great's sons by different wives (**Luke 3:1 and Matthew 14:3**).

The other two **Philips** in the Bible were servants of **Christ** and instrumental in the early church: **Philip the disciple and apostle of Christ**, and **Philip the evangelist**.

The disciple named **Philip** was, along with **Peter and Andrew**, from Bethsaida in Galilee (**John 1:44; 12:21**).

Jesus called **Philip**, who had been a disciple of **John the Baptist's** (**John 1:43**), and then **Philip** went and found **Bartholomew** and told him about **Jesus**.

Bartholomew also became **Jesus'** disciple. The Bible does not contain much biographical detail about **Philip** or any of the other disciples, but **John** records several times when **Philip spoke to Jesus**.

Philip's first recorded act as a disciple of **Jesus** was to go and tell his friend **Bartholomew**. Later, **Philip** was approached by some Gentiles, more specifically, Greeks from Bethsaida who asked **Philip** to introduce them to **Jesus** (**John 12:20–22**).

Philip was the disciple who calculated the amount of money it would take to **feed the 5,000** (**John 6:7**).

After the Last Supper, **Philip** requested that **Jesus** show them the **Father**, leading to **Jesus'** statement, "**Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father**" (**John 14:8–9**).

The Bible mentions the disciple **Philip** as one of those gathered in **Jerusalem** to pray after the **Lord's ascension** (**Acts 1:13**).

Philip also was among those surrounding **John the Baptist** when the latter first pointed out **Jesus as the Lamb of God**.

Philip is commonly associated with the symbol of the **Latin cross**. Other symbols assigned to **Philip** include: the cross with the two loaves (because of his answer to the Lord in **John 6:7**), a basket filled with bread, a spear with the patriarchal cross, and a cross with a carpenter's square.

Tradition states that **Philip** went to **Phrygia** (in modern-day Turkey) as a missionary and was **martyred there in Hierapolis**.

According to this account, through a miraculous healing and his preaching **Philip converted the wife of the proconsul** of the city. This enraged the proconsul, and he had **Philip, his sister Mariamne, and Bartholomew** all **tortured**.

Philip and **Bartholomew** were then **crucified upside-down**, and **Philip preached** from his cross. As a result of **Philip's** preaching the crowd released **Bartholomew** from his cross, but **Philip insisted that they not release him, and Philip died on the cross at 87 years of age**.

On Wednesday, **27 July 2011**, the Turkish news agency Anadolu reported that archaeologists had **unearthed a tomb** that the project leader claims to be the Tomb of **Saint Philip** during excavations in Hierapolis close to the Turkish city **Denizli**.

The Italian archaeologist, **Professor Francesco D'Andria** stated that scientists had discovered the tomb within a newly revealed church. He stated that the design of the Tomb, and writings on its walls, definitively prove it belonged to the **martyred Apostle of Jesus**.

The **Church of the Twelve Holy Apostles** is a 6th-century Roman Catholic parish and titular church and minor basilica in Rome, Italy, dedicated originally to **St. James** and **St. Philip** whose remains are kept here, and later to all Apostles.

Righteous **Mariamne** "**The Apostolic Virgin**" and **sister** of the holy **Apostle Philip**, made a vow of virginity and became the **companion of her brother Philip and the holy Apostle Bartholomew**, actively assisting them in their apostolic work.

The Church historian **Nicephorus Callistus** describes their successful preaching in the Phrygian city of Hierapolis, where they were **arrested and locked up in prison**.

They put the **Apostle Philip** to death on a cross, but **Saint Mariamne and Saint Bartholomew were set free**. Saint **Bartholomew** went to preach the Gospel in India. Saint Mariamne, after burying the body of **Saint Philip**, preached the Gospel at Lykaonia (Asia Minor). **She died there in peace**.

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John 14:8 **Philip** said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, **Philip**? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Acts 1:13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; **Philip** and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

John 6:5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to **Philip**, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. **Philip** answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."



Santi Apostoli Church, Rome holds the remains of Apostle Philip