

Andrew was a Family Man

“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.”

(Matthew 4:18)

Here we see Andrew and his brother Peter working together in the family fishing business. Previously we learned that one of the first things Andrew did was to bring Peter to the Messiah.

We also saw how Peter and Andrew opened **their house** to Jesus. Apparently they lived together as well.

Clearly, there was strong family ties between these brothers.

Conclusions:

When Jesus chose His disciples, He made no mistakes. Why? Because He knew what He was going to do with their lives. Jesus knew that He would live in and through them. He knew how their lives would be lived and how they would end.

Here is a re-cap of the things we learned about the apostle Andrew...

Andrew knew that Jesus was the Messiah (When most people did not.)

Andrew was the First Disciple - Before everyone noticed Jesus.

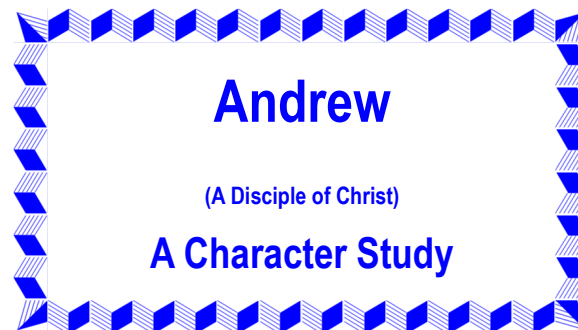
Andrew was the First Evangelist - Before the crowds surrounded Jesus.

Andrew was an Ongoing Evangelist - When people did want to see Jesus, Andrew was the “go-to” guy.

Andrew was Hospitable - Before the “powerful” and “important” people invited Jesus to dinner.

Andrew in the Outer Inner Circle - Possibly one of the closest of Jesus’ friends.

Andrew was a Family Man - Loving and bringing Peter to Jesus, and Jesus to his family home.



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When one thinks of the apostle Andrew, the first thought is most likely, “Simon Peter’s brother”. As you read this, the intention of this article is to offer a bit of insight into the character of Andrew.

The Scripture often contains “gems” that are easy to overlook. However, if we slow down in our reading, we may be surprised at what we can learn.

*“He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, **We have found the Messias**, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.” (John 1:41)*

Andrew Knew Jesus was the Messiah

As we begin to study the characteristics of Andrew, we make an extremely important observation...

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ANDREW - A CHARACTER STUDY

Very early in his interactions with Jesus, Andrew recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Andrew was earnestly seeking the coming Christ. He followed John the Baptist, the forerunner. When he was introduced to Jesus... Andrew knew he had found the long awaited anointed One!

This is the onset of Andrew's character... a deep sensitivity to the things of God!

Andrew was the First Disciple

"One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother." (John 1:40)

Andrew was the first of the twelve to follow Jesus. Upon Jesus' invitation to come and see where He lived, they went with Jesus and stayed with Him that day.

Here again we see the zeal and love of Andrew for the Messiah.

Andrew was the First Evangelist

*"He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, **We have found the Messias**, which is, being interpreted, the Christ."* (John 1:41)

As referenced at the beginning of this writing, Andrew went and told his brother Peter about Jesus!

The first person (Andrew) to follow Jesus was also the first evangelist and brought his brother (Peter) to the Messiah.

Andrew was an Ongoing Evangelist

*"And there were **certain Greeks** among them that came up to worship at the feast: (21) The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, **Sir, we would see Jesus.** (22) Philip cometh and **telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.**"* (John 12:20-22)

*"One of his disciples, **Andrew**, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, (9) **There is a lad here**, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"* (John 6:8-9)

In the above passages we see Andrew's ongoing "evangelistic" efforts to bring people to Jesus. Some Greeks wanted to see Jesus and inquired of Philip. Philip brought them to Andrew, and then they took them to Jesus.

Also, we see Andrew bringing the boy with the fish and loaves to Jesus. Of course we

know that this boy's lunch was used by Jesus to feed the multitude.

Andrew's Hospitality

*"And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, **they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew**, with James and John."* (Mark 1:29)

In this event, Peter and Andrew opened their home to Jesus and others. It is also at this time that Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law.

Andrew in the Outer Inner Circle

*"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, **Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,**"* (Mark 13:3)

While Andrew is not mentioned in the "inner circle" (Peter, James, and John), we do see him included with this group in this passage.

Interesting to note, the context of this passage is that of asking serious questions about the end of the world and the signs of Jesus' return.
