

Philip – The Apostle with the Wrong Answers

- Philip of Bethsaida – Jn. 1:44
 - Mt. 11:21 – People of Bethsaida had rejected Christ even after seeing His miracles
 - Philip (and Andrew & Peter) not like the rest of the town
- Did Jesus find Philip, or was Philip seeking the Messiah?
 - Jn. 1:43 – He found Philip
 - Jn. 1:45 – We have found Him of whom Moses wrote...
 - Philip knew Scriptures and was able to recognize who Jesus was.
 - Andrew and John followed Jesus based on John the Baptist’s testimony
 - Mt. 7:7 – Seek and find
- Once Philip was found, he found his friend – Jn. 1:45
 - Philip was satisfied he had found the truth.
 - “Come and see”
- Tested by Jesus – Jn. 6:5-6
 - Where to buy bread for the 5,000?
 - Why did Jesus ask Philip?
 - Jesus knew how Philip thought...
 - Even though Philip believed in Jesus and had likely seen Him perform miracles, it never occurred to Him that Jesus could feed 5,000.
- Didn’t know how to lead Gentiles to Jesus – Jn. 12:20-22
 - Philip is Greek name—perhaps why these Greeks approached Philip
 - He was approachable
 - Not afraid to ask Andrew for help
- Jn. 14:7-12 – Philip shows lack of understanding
 - Compare to Jn. 1:43
 - Compare to Nathanael in 1:49
- Conclusion
 - Studied Scriptures, sought Jesus regardless of what was popular
 - Approachable
 - Didn’t always have right answers, but knew how to ask others
 - Learned that when following Jesus, we don’t rely on our eyes, but on Him.
 - Inner desire to see the Father.