

The 12 Who Walked with Jesus: Philip

- Interestingly enough, Matthew, Mark, and Luke list for us all twelve of Jesus' apostles. However, they tell us nothing about Philip. John does not give us the list of the twelve at all, but John tells us all that we know about Philip.

(John 1, 6, 12,14)

- Philip was a **fisherman** from the town of **Bethsaida**

- It is possible to **thrive** spiritually regardless of your **surroundings** otherwise

- The name "Philip" is Greek, or gentile. We do not know his Jewish name. Philip means simply, "lover of **horses**."

I. We see a **clear pattern** of telling others about Jesus.

- John 1:40-46

- An evangelistic strategy emerges:

- **Immediacy** - "He first found..."
- **Individuals** - one person at a time
- **Invitation** - "Come and see"

- Do you recall when and where the Lord found you? Who did He use?

What circumstances did He use?

- God brings people into our lives **routinely**

- A lot of evangelistic opportunities are **unplanned**

- Many opportunities need to be **intentional**

II. There's a **clear witness** and **testimony** about Philip's life

- John 12:20-22

- Philip had **approachability** - **Lockyer**

- "Their turning to Philip depended upon a law of kindly **attraction**" –

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- People know a lot more about us than we tend to give them credit.

Make sure you always radiate the sweet Spirit of the Lord with a sense of spiritual attraction and approachability.

III. Philip had a **deficiency theologically** in all he had been learning!

- John 6:5-7

- John 14:8-11

Applications:

1. Have **patience** with people you share with
2. Don't be afraid to **ask questions**
3. One need not have a systematic theology to follow Jesus
4. Jesus took **tough** moments and He turned them into teaching moments
5. Jesus looked at Philip and knew that His strength would be perfected in Philip's weakness