

The Apostles  
Matthew 10:1-3  
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**Simon Peter**

**Simon (Hebrew: Simeon) means “to hear”, “to listen”, “to pay attention”, “to obey”.**

These definitions go beyond just perceiving sound. It has a much deeper meaning.

The heart of these definitions implies listening with faith and responding in obedience.

**Peter (Aramaic: (Kepha)Cephas, Greek: (Petros) Peter)**

Jesus Changed Simons name, after meeting him for the first time, in John 1:42.

Johns’ account uses the Aramaic name Cephas which translates to “Rock”.

The Greek translation of Rock is Peter.

With a name like that a person really only has two choices for careers.

The first: To be a preacher, apostle, and disciple of Jesus; and leader within the faith.

The second: is to be a WWE superstar and on-screen action hero that can do that weird thing with his eyebrow.

I personally think the first option was the better choice

**Hometown**

Originally Peter lived in Bethsaida but later moved to Capernaum.

Peter met Jesus when he was in Capernaum.

## **How was he introduced to Jesus**

Peter was introduced to Jesus through his brother Andrew

## **Occupation**

Fisherman by trade, fisher of men by calling

## **Family**

Peter was married

“When Jesus went to Peters house, He saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.” Matthew 8:14

You can't have a mother-in-law without being married first.

Brother and business partner is Andrew

He was the son of a man named Jonah

Not the Jonah swallowed by the fish. Peter isn't that old.

## **Personality**

Peter was a simple, hardworking, blue-collar guy who was just trying to bring in enough fish to pay the bills and feed his family.

In Acts 4:13 we see that both Peter and John were not trained or specifically educated in scriptural doctrine like the Jewish leadership were.

His education came from faithfully spending time with Jesus and meditating on his words.

Jesus saw the man that Peter would become and not just the man that he was at the moment.

He was Bold

Peter didn't hesitate to declare that Jesus is the Messiah when asked, by Jesus, who Peter thought He was.

Mathew 16:15-16

He was a natural Leader

Peter took the initiative to replace Judas with Mathias.

Acts 1:15

He was quick to act and speak

In John 18:10 we see Peter cutting off the ear of the high priest's slave.

This was done in front of both the temple police, and a company of soldiers.

In John 13:8-9 Peter quickly puts his foot in his mouth by refusing to allow Jesus to wash his feet.

When Jesus says that if this doesn't happen, Peter will have no part in Him (Jesus).

Peter quickly swings towards the other extreme and asks Jesus to wash his hands and head too.

With all of these faults and personality quirks that Peter had there are qualities that continue to come out in all of these situations.

Peter loved Jesus, He had Faith in Jesus, and he had a Desire to follow Jesus.

Even the dumb things that he said and did can be traced back to these three qualities.

### **Prominent Scripture Verses**

Matthew 26:69-74 Peter gives in to his fear and denies Jesus 3 times.

Matthew 14:28-31 Peter walks on water with Jesus

### **Death**

The Christian theologian and scholar Tertullian (AD 200) wrote that Peter was put to death during the reign of Nero.

Christian scholar, theologian, and teacher Origen (AD 185-254) wrote that Peter was actually crucified upside-down, at his

request, because he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus.

## **Andrew**

Is a Greek name that is translated from the work Andreas

Andreas means manly, strong, courageous, and brave.

Let's be honest, with a brother like Peter this was almost a requirement.

The use of a Greek name and not a Hebrew one shows the influence of Greek culture on the area.

This is largely contributed to the occupation of the area by Alexander the Great around 332 BC

## **Hometown**

Originally Andrew lived in Bethsaida but later moved to Capernaum with his brother Peter.

## **Occupation**

Fisherman with his brother Peter

Disciple of John the Baptist

John 1:35-40

## **How was he introduced to Jesus**

He was first introduced to Jesus during his time with John the Baptist.

Andrew was already searching for the promised Messiah.

Andrew was one of the first people to recognize Jesus.

Andrew gets the official call to follow Jesus in Matthew 4:18-20 along with Peter.

## **Family**

Brother of Simon Peter

Son of Jonah

## **Personality**

Andrew did not spend his time in the limelight.

He was more of a behind the scenes servant, humbly bringing people to Jesus

Peter (John 1:41-42)

The boy with the 5 loaves and 2 fishes (John 6:8-9)

The Greek Seekers (John 12:20-22)

The Greeks choosing to come to Andrew, through Phillip, suggests that they felt more comfortable with them due to their Greek names.

Andrew was a hard-working blue-collar guy who spent his time seeking God under the tutelage of John the Baptist.

He faithfully brought people to Jesus with humility never seeking attention or recognition for himself.

## **Prominent scripture verses**

Andrew's first encounter with Jesus (John 1:35-42)

Andrew asking about the destruction of the temple and end times signs, with Peter, James, and John, during a more intimate teaching moment. (Mark 13:3-4)

## **Death**

It is widely believed that Andrew was crucified on an "X" shaped cross.

The bible does not speak to how he was martyred.

Apocryphal Work: Acts of Andrew, written during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries, contains the most detailed information supporting this belief.

This book is not scripture and only provides historic references for the purpose of context.

### **Bartholomew (Nathanael)**

Most biblical scholars identify him as Nathanael.

The bible doesn't specify.

Nathanael is most likely his given name

Nathanael means "Gift of God"

### **Occupation**

The bible does not specify what he did as an occupation before meeting Jesus.

Disciple and Apostle of Jesus

Sent to preach the word

### **Hometown**

Originally from Cana in Galilee ([John 21:2](#))

### **How was he introduced to Jesus**

Philip found Nathanael (after choosing to follow Jesus himself) and told him that "We have found the one that Moses wrote about in the law." [John 1:45](#)

He questioned Philip's claim but went to investigate anyways.

[John 1:46](#)

## **Family**

He had parents.

## **Personality**

Nathanael was introduced as someone who stands on the truth from the beginning. [John 1:47](#)

## **Prominent scripture verses**

Nathanael refers to Jesus as “Son of God” and “King if Israel”.  
[John 1:49](#)

## **Death**

There is no biblical account of how Nathanael dies.

Extra biblical accounts claim that Nathanael (Bartholemew) was flayed alive and then beheaded.

## **Judas Iscariot/Mathias**

Judas means “Praise” or “thanksgiving”

This was a common name during this time

Iscariot translates to “man of Kerioth”

## **Occupation**

He was the groups treasurer [John 12:6](#)

## **Hometown**

As his name implies, Judas was likely from a town in Juda called Kerioth.

## **How was he introduced to Jesus**

Scripture does not state where Judas and Jesus met only that he was one of the 12 original apostles.

## **Family**

The only family that the Bible mentions is Judas's father, Simon Iscariot. [John 6:71](#)

## **Personality**

He was viewed as a capable and trustworthy ally by the other disciples.

He was put in charge of the money-bag.

He was able to keep this lie going up until the Garden of Gethsemane

He was remorseful but not repentant.

He returned the 30 pieces of silver

Confessed his wrong

He never truly seeks Gods forgiveness for what he has done

He showed great courage

It took some serious courage to walk up to Jesus, in front of everyone, and betray him with that level of confidence.

He looked and acted like all the other disciples

Outwardly he presented himself as a loyal and trusted friend hiding his true intentions from everyone until the end.

Judas presented as a true believer in Jesus, unfortunately, he was a wolf in sheep's clothing.

### **Prominent scripture verses**

Judas betrays Jesus. [Matthew 26:14-16](#)

Judas returns the 30 pieces of silver to the pharisees. [Matthew 27:3](#)

Judas hangs himself. [Matthew 27:5](#)

### **Death**

Suicide by hanging [Matthew 27:5](#)

### **Matthias**

His name means “Gift of Yahweh” or “Gift of the Lord”

He was chosen to replace Judas by the 11 remaining disciples in [Acts 1:15-26](#)

He was with Jesus and his disciples from the beginning.

He had most of the opportunities for growth and learning that the original 12 had.

He quietly and faithfully followed Jesus, without public recognition, for his entire ministry.

He witnessed everything from Jesus’s baptism to his ascension.

God Chose him over Joseph Barsabbas (Justus) to take the position.