

**“Follow Me and I will make
you fishers of men.”**

Matthew 4.19

*Philip and
Bartholomew*



The Team of Christ

“The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.”

(Matthew 10.2-3, ESV)

The Team of Christ

Disciples or Apostles?

- Disciple means “a learner or to learn” (*Source: ISBE*)
- Apostle means “one sent forth, envoy, a missionary) (*Source: ISBE*)
 - *Jesus called a special group of men from the disciples giving them a special group of powers.*

The Team of Christ

Group #1:

- Simon Peter, Andrew James and John

Group #2:

- Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew

Group #3:

- James, Thaddaeus, Simon and Judas

The Seeking Greeks and Philip

“Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.”

(John 12:20-22, ESV)

The Seeking Greeks and Philip

- Why would Greek seekers approach Philip?
- The name Philip is of Greek origin.
 - Meaning “lover of horses” (*Easton’s Bible Dictionary*)
- Philip was from Bethsaida the same as Andrew and Peter. (*John 1.44*)

The Life of Philip

- He brought Nathanael to Christ. *(John 1.44-46)*
- Philip was tested by Jesus. *(John 6.5-7)*
- Philip was encountered by Greeks concerning Jesus. *(John 12.20-22)*
- Philip was rebuked by Jesus. *(John 14.8-11)*

Bartholomew

- The name Bartholomew is mentioned twice in the Bible:
 - *Matthew 10.3, Mark 3.18, Luke 6.14*
 - *Acts 1.13*
- Bartholomew means “Son of Tomai”

Bartholomew

- His name is usually connected with Nathanael.
 - *From the ninth century, many scholars believe Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person.*
 - *This observation is based on John 21.2.*
 - *The names of Philip and Bartholomew are continually linked.*

Bartholomew? - Nathanael?

- If Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same:
 - *Nathanael had a knowledge of the Scriptures. (John 1.45)*
 - *Nathanael had a little prejudice. (John 1.46)*
 - *Nathanael confessed Christ. (John 1.49)*
 - *Nathanael had character. (John 1.47)*

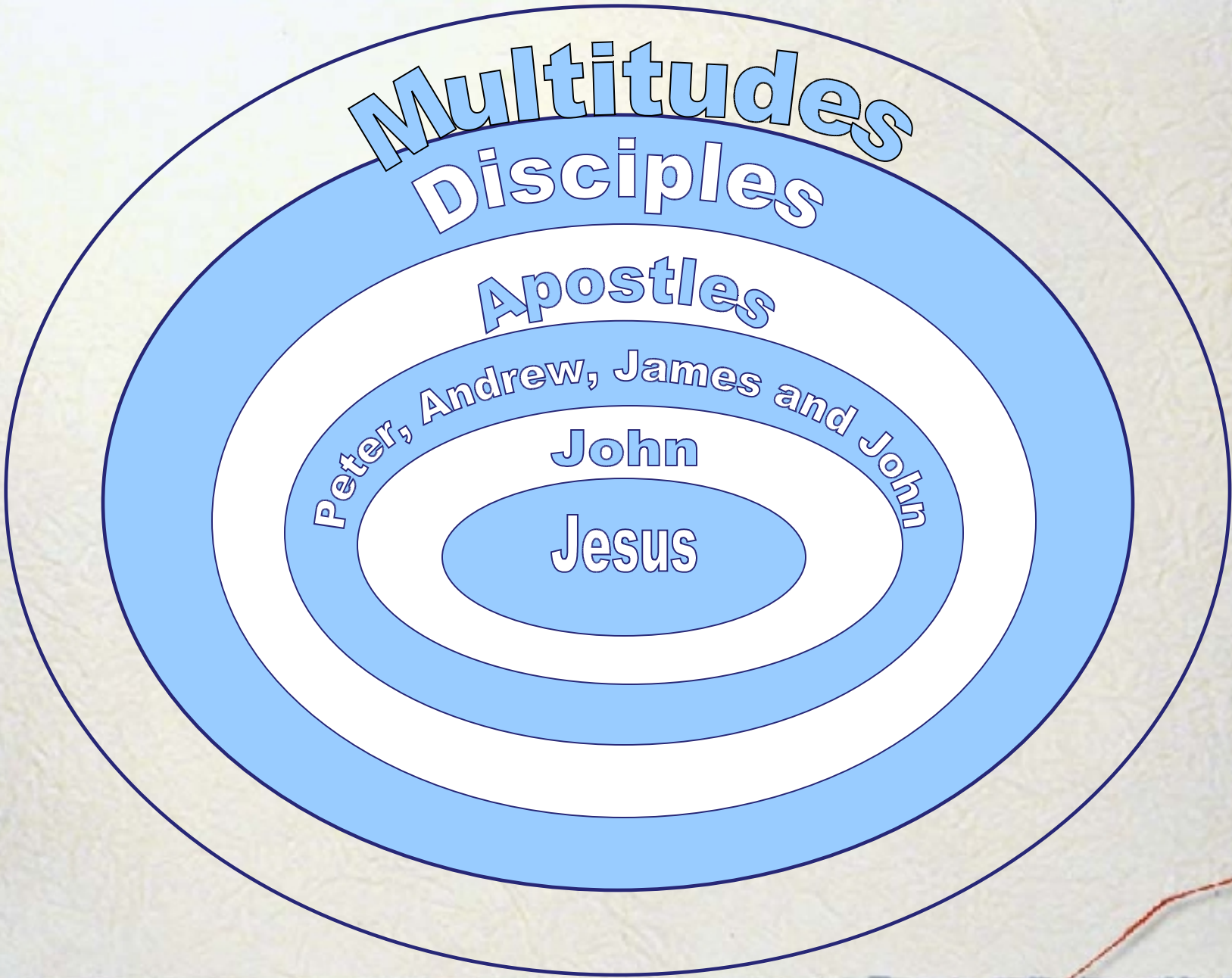
Multitudes
Disciples

Apostles

Peter, Andrew, James and John

John

Jesus





Multitudes

Followers

Believers

Committed

To Jesus



*fishers
of men*

So they
pulled their
boats up on
shore,
left *everything*
and followed
him.

Luke 5:11