

# Four Sermons on Andrew: Andrew, Fisher of Men!

Mark 1; 3; Matthew 6; Luke 6; John 1; 6; 12; Acts 1

## Sermons for April 7-14, 2024: Andrew Parts 1-2. The Apostles were Called and Equipped by Jesus for Mighty Work!

**Introduction:** Do you ever wonder if God could use someone like you to do His work? Maybe you read of Paul's zeal in the New Testament. He was a one-man Great-Commission-Fulfilling-Machine! The man seemed determined to evangelize the entire world with the help of his coworkers all by himself. His one determination was to reach the unreached, to go where he had never gone before. Romans 1 records his earnest prayer to visit Rome; other passages record his zeal to go where the gospel was unheard. Next to this man's zeal and consecration, we can feel inferior and incapable. "I am no Paul" we say. No, you are not. *You're not meant to be.*

### 1. Overview: The Apostles were called & equipped by Christ.

Paul is dead. You are alive. You have a work to do Paul did not do. Your work is to be faithful to God "right in the corner where you are<sup>1</sup>." You are not called to be Paul. You are called to be who you are in Christ: faithful to Him, sharing the gospel, loving your neighbor as yourself and your God completely. That's it.

**1.1 Apostles as a Group:** Think about the twelve apostles, the disciples that Jesus trained and the Holy Spirit equipped to do the task He called them to in that generation. Poor fishermen: **Peter, James, John, Andrew.** A tax collector, **Matthew (Levi).** Remember, April 10, the Lord Jesus Christ called one who was titled "**Simon the Zealot.**" Simon and Matthew, political Jewish zealot and Roman collaborating tax-collector followed

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<sup>1</sup> Alludes to the song "Brighten the Corner where You Are" by Ogden. I think it is in Maranatha Hymns in Korean. The first verse says:

1. Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,  
Do not wait to shed your light afar;  
To the many duties ever near you now be true,  
Brighten the corner where you are. Refrain:  
Brighten the corner where you are!  
Brighten the corner where you are!  
Someone far from harbor you may guide across the bar;  
Brighten the corner where you are!

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Jesus in the same band. There was **Thomas** the pessimist who wanted to go to Jerusalem to die with Jesus. Practical **Philip** desired to see the Father **and contemplative Nathaniel**, called after meditation under a tree who wondered if any good thing could arise out of Nazareth. Others fade into silence, leaving only their names as Christ's own: Thaddeus, Judas (not Iscariot), and then the traitor himself.

**1.2 Apostles as (un)Equipped:** Poor men, most. Unskilled, some would say. Certainly untrained in rhetoric, leading men, rousing an army to assault Satan's kingdom. They had not attended the school of the prophets Elijah and Elisha hosted; nor were they Sadducees with political connections and family to lean upon. They avoided the extremism of the Pharisees, though some of them had left to follow the forerunner John the Baptist as their hearts thirsted after righteousness.

### **1.3 Disciples and Apostles were Diverse:**

Fishermen. A tax collector. Political or religious zealot. Married and single, male.

But women also followed Jesus and provided hospitality and finances for Him, Scriptures assure us. There were the practical *Martha*, devoted *Mary* like John the disciple whom Jesus loved.

There was such vast differences in personality, vocation, skills, and gifts in this group. Varied homes. Philip is a Greek name, but many lived there in Galilee.

### **1.4 Disciples and Apostles' Similarities:**

This was a Jewish group. They had similar upbringings.

They learned the Bible as lads from their parents, their synagogues, their trips to the temple year by year, according to the demands of the feast schedule.

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A poor, unlikely bunch of ragtag folks not fit for company, the Pharisees would have said. Simon probably would have put them at the bottom of the table, if he invited them at all to the meal Jesus went to be rudely treated at.

### 1.5 Disciples and Apostles were Powerfully Used by God:

Yet these are the men and women that overturned the world, their contemporaries said in the book of Acts. How? Not by might. Not by power ZECHARIAH IV.VI. But, equipped and baptized with the Holy Spirit, empowered with power from on High, filled with the Holy Spirit, they did what Jesus Christ called them to do. **They served. They shared the gospel. They spread out. They still served. They still shared. Wherever they went, they served God. Wherever they went, they told the story of how they had been redeemed and how others could be saved too.** The world was changed from a Roman world to what became known as “the Christian world.”

Today, let's focus on one man's move from a follower of Jesus to a faithful witness for Jesus who became known for simply bringing his newest acquaintances to meet Jesus. We are looking today at Andrew, the disciple who brought others to Jesus.

**Conclusion: Expect God to use you whether you are great or small if you trust Him and obey Him.**

**Sermon for April 21, 2024: Andrew's humility, hunger and thirst for righteousness, and his observance of healing in his family home.**

## 2. Andrew:

### **2.1 Anonymous Andrew: The humility of the second brother.**

Andrew is named in a dozen verses across the gospels and the Book of Acts. This man has been described as a man in the shadows, because he was the younger brother of the charismatic Simon Peter. Simon Peter got a

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new name (Mk 3:16) (while James and John were nicknamed “Sons of Thunder” (Mk 3:17), became the spokesman of the disciples, and tended to head the list of apostles. Andrew is named... fourth in the Gospel of Mark (He gets #2 billing in Matthew 10 and Luke 6 by virtue of being “Peter’s brother.” Andrew misses out on walking on water, the Transfiguration, leaning on Jesus’ breast, or an invite to pray with Jesus. No one bothered to name Andrew at the resurrection, but big (older) Brother Peter gets a special summons to meet with Jesus.

### 2.2 The spiritual hunger of Andrew: Hunger & thirst for righteousness

***A seeking follower of John the Baptist follows the Messiah.***

Look at Andrew in Mark 1:14-39. This is a chapter where Andrew gets his name in print *twice*. The four fishermen were Baptists- followers of John the Baptist. They were fishermen. They were two sets of siblings. We are told that Jesus called the apostles after prayer, choosing those that He wanted to be with Him to serve by casting out demons, healing, and preaching the gospel (Matthew 10; Mark 6:7-13).

John the Baptist had seen the Lord Jesus Christ during those early days and proclaimed that ***Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*** (John 1:29-51, 29,35-36). **Note that Andrew in the Gospel of John is recorded as one of the two who left the best man, John the Baptist, for the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Andrew, however, brings follower #3, Peter into the mix (John 1:41-42).**

In other words, Andrew was fishing for men before Jesus called him to be a fisher-of-men! Talk about initiative! Presumptuous? Not at all. Andrew just wanted Simon to know the Christ, the Messiah for himself (1:41). We see Philip also introducing Nathaniel to the Prophet Moses prophesied concerning (1:44-45). Nathaniel, at first skeptical (46), recognizes Christ is the Son of God when Jesus revealed His omniscient knowledge of His heart (1:46-49).

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**2.3 The found Follower of Jesus experiences Christ's Healing for his Family (Mark 1:29-30).** Andrew saw Jesus demonstrate His power and authority over demons (Mark 1:21-28), but that evening in Capernaum, he saw his brother's mother-in-law healed by Jesus (29-30). Jesus power came home. Jesus did not just heal in the synagogue; He also healed in Andrew's own home (29-30). For Andrew, this was indeed, a greater sign than Nathaniel's fig trees (John 1:50-51).

**Sermon for April 28, 2024: Andrew, Part 4.**

***Introduction: We have seen this month how the Lord Jesus Christ called a motley crew of fishermen, government officials (tax collectors), patriots (Simon the Zealot), and assorted others to follow Him. Last week, we put the spotlight on the humility of Andrew, the other brother, #4 in Mark's list, who had a real hunger for righteousness.***

***Today we are going to see two other characteristics of Andrew: he was a disciple who brought his questions to Jesus and he was a soul-winner who brought others to Jesus.***

***#1 Andrew is the questioning student who received answers from Jesus.***

**2.4 The student of the Savior questioned Jesus about the end times, getting an explanation of eschatology as a result (Mark 13).**

**#2 Andrew was a soul winner, a "fisher of men" from the beginning.**

**2.5 While Philip counted the cost of feeding 5000 men, Andrew found a boy with five barley loaves and a couple fish though he doubted the sufficiency of his find (John 6:1-14). Jesus didn't see the problem. He gave thanks and fed everyone with leftovers amounting to 12 baskets.**

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A number of commentators have observed that Andrew is never alone in accounts of his life. He is in the company of the other disciples that Jesus called, the lists of the 12.

He is one who continually brings others to Jesus, too.

2.5.1 Andrew first found Peter when he left John the Baptist (John 1).

2.5.2. Andrew found the boy with the fish while other disciples were worried about accounting problems (how much would it cost? Where would the food come from?).

2.5.3. After Philip approaches Andrew, Andrew brings the Greeks to Jesus (see below).

**2.6 After Jesus' triumphal entry began His final week on earth before His death on the cross, the Pharisees despaired of His popularity.** His popularity also made it impossible for Greeks to come to Jesus. The Greeks sensed an ally in Philip who found Andrew who knew a Man (John 12:19-26).

Conclusion: Andrew ends as he begins, in the company of others:

**2.7 The last mention of Andrew by name in the Bible is Acts 1:13.**

Andrew saw the Ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven. He left Mount Olivet to enter an upper room in Jerusalem. The men and women in the upper room spent their time in a worthwhile way. They prayed. Let us do the same.

**Conclusion: Be Like Andrew! Pray! Fellowship with God's people! Evangelize! Bring your questions and friends to Jesus! In humility, be willing to "play second fiddle" for the cause of Christ and the benefit of your brothers and sisters in Christ.**

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**“Andrew” is named twelve times in the New Testament. Below are the twelve times he is named. Note: Matthew, Mark, and Luke list Andrew with the other disciples. Matthew and Mark speak of how Andrew was called with other fishermen by Galilee. John speaks of Andrew’s initiative calling his brother, Philip and Andrew’s worked together for solutions for the 5000, and how Philip and Andrew brought the Greeks to Jesus.**

Reference	English Verse	Korean Verse	Context	Application
<b>Matthew 10:2</b>	2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and <b>Andrew his brother</b> ; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;	<b>2</b> 이 열두 사도의 이름은 이렇다: 베드로라는 시몬, <u>시몬의 형제 안드레</u> , 세베대의 아들 야고보, 야고보의 형제 요한,	<b>List of Apostles (2-4);</b> 10:1- disciples given authority over demons, ability to heal 10:5-15 Sent to evangelize 10:16-23 Danger! Go to wolves! 10:24-36 Follow Jesus 10:37 Motivation: love of God	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call of Jesus</li> <li>2. Obey the call</li> <li>3. Authority to believers</li> </ol>
<b>Mark 3:18</b>	<b>and Andrew</b> , and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the	18 <u>안드레</u> , 빌립, 바돌로매, 마태, 도마, 알패오의 아들 야고보, 다대오, 가나안 사람 시몬,	<b>List of apostles(16-19)</b> - #4 Jesus preached & healed at synagogue (3:1-6) Crowds come. Demons	<b>Jesus wants His own (13)-go to Him</b>  Purpose(14-15) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be with Him</li> <li>2. Preach</li> <li>3. Spiritual battle</li> </ol>

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	Zealot;		forbidden to testify. (3:7-12) Jesus in mountain calls, they go to Him.	
<b>Luke 6:14</b>	14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and <b>Andrew his brother</b> ; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew;	14 이 열두 사도는 베드로라고도 한 시몬, 시몬의 형제 안드레, 야고보, 요한, 빌립, 바돌로매,	<b>List of apostles (6:14-16)</b> Sabbath controversy (6:1-11). Jesus prays all night (12) Calls disciples; names apostles(13) Goes to crowds, Sermon (14ff)	Pray before big decisions!  Get allies when you must fight for right.  Give clear directions.  Distinguish b/t friend & foe.
<b>Matthew 4:18-20</b>	18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and <b>Andrew his brother</b> , casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their	18 예수님은 갈릴리 바닷가를 거니시다가 바다에 그물을 던지고 있는 어부들을 보셨다. 그들은 베드로라는 시몬과 그의 형제 안드레였다.  19 예수님이 그들에게 "나를 따라오너라. 너희를 사람 낚는 어부가 되게 하겠다" 하고	<b>Peter, Andrew, James &amp; John called to be "Fishers of Men"</b> (Matt 4:18-22).  Jesus tempted (1-11) John arrested (12) Galilee ministry fulfills OT (13-17) Sea of Galilee to call fishermen (18-22) Galilee ministry brings multitudes	Following Jesus includes proclaiming Jesus (18-22).  Trial precedes fruit (1-11)  Be confident! John's arrest doesn't deter God's Plan (12-17)  Every Step is an Opportunity: The Sea is the site of the call (18-22)  Evangelism



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	nets and followed Him	말씀하시자 20 그들은 곧 그물을 버려 두고 예수님을 따랐다.	(23-25).	brings both excitement & opposition (23-25)
<b>Mark 1:16</b>	As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and <b>Andrew, the brother of Simon</b> , casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen	예수님은 갈릴리 바닷가를 지나가시다가 그물을 던져 고기 잡는 어부 시몬과 그의 형제 <u>안드레</u> 를 보셨다.	This is the beginning of the gospel (1:1). John the Baptist preaches as OT foretold (1:2-8) Jesus baptized by John & Spirit (1:9-12) Temptation of Jesus (1:13). Jesus preaches the gospel (1:14-15). Call of fishers (1:16-20)	The good news of the gospel is intended to be shared! Have you shared the gospel today?  John did his job. Are you doing yours?  Jesus fulfilled righteousness. He was baptized. Are you living righteously? Have you been baptized?
<b>Mark 1:29</b>	And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into <b>the house of Simon and Andrew</b> , with James and John	예수님은 회당을 떠나 야고보와 요한을 데리고 시몬과 <u>안드레의 집</u> 으로 들어가셨다.	<b>See above.</b> Jesus authoritatively teaches in Capernaum; exorcizes demon (1:21-28). Healing of Peter's MIL, etc. (1:29-35) Jesus prays.	<b>See above.</b> Are you willing to learn, to listen to Jesus and His Word?  Do you reckon on the Power of the Gospel & God's Word?  Do you expect

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			Preaches. Exorcizes. Heals.	God to work in and through you?
<b>John 1:40-42</b>	One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was <b>Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He *found first his own brother Simon and *said to him, "We have found the Messiah"</b> (which translated means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).	요한의 말을 듣고 예수님을 따라간 두 사람 중의 하나는 <u>시몬 베드로의 동생 안드레였다. 41 그는 먼저 자기 형 시몬을 찾아가 "형, 우리가 메시아 (번역하면 그리스도) 를 만났어!" 하고 말한 후에</u>  <b>42</b> 그를 데리고 예수님께 갔다. 예수님은 시몬을 보시고 "너는 요한의 아들 시몬이다. 그러나 앞으로는 '게바' (번역하면 베드로) 라고 부르겠다" 하고 말씀하셨다.	The eternal Word has become flesh (1:1-14). John proclaimed the Lamb of God (15-39). Andrew get his brother to follow Christ.  Philip invites Nathaniel to follow Jesus (43-51).	Jesus Christ is the Only Word always worth listening to. The Lamb of God is worth investigating!  Invite family to follow the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ!  Invite neighbors to follow Jesus!
<b>John 1:44</b>	Now Philip was of <u>Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.</u>	빌립은 <u>안드레와 베드로와 같은 동네인 벳새다</u> 사람이었다.	<b>See above.</b>	<b>See above.</b>

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<p><b>John 6:8-9</b></p>	<p>8 One of His disciples, <u>Andrew, Simon Peter's brother</u>, *said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"</p>	<p>8 이 때 예수님의 제자인 시몬 베드로의 동생 안드레가 예수님께 이렇게 여쭙었다. 9 "여기에 보리빵 다섯 개와 작은 물고기 두 마리를 가진 어린이가 있습니다. 그러나 그것을 가지고 어떻게 이 많은 사람을 먹일 수 있겠습니까?"</p>	<p>Jesus feeds 5000 from the mountain (<u>John 6:1-15</u>).  Andrew wondered how to use available supplies, while Philip counted <u>the cost</u>.  Jesus supplied safety and reassurance in the storm that followed (16-21). The crowd wanted seconds, but Jesus wanted to supply spiritual manna.  Many left.</p>	<p>Jesus knows your needs &amp; will provide.  Jesus tests His disciples' faith. Expect this. "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."  Things get tougher after success. Expect this. Pray about it. Jesus did. Seek spiritual sustenance as devotedly as you seek physical blessings.  People who take your stuff won't always take your gospel.</p>
<p><b>John 12:20-22</b></p>	<p>20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; 21 these then</p>	<p>명절에 예배드리러 올라왔던 사람들 중에 그리스 사람들도 몇 명 있었다.</p>	<p>This is in the last week of Jesus' life, near Passover (John 12:1ff.)  Mary anoints Jesus; the</p>	<p><b>Redeem every minute. Life is short. Live for Jesus!</b>  Worship Jesus in spirit &amp; truth. Welcome Him</p>

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	<p>came to <b>Philip</b>, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip *came and *told <b>Andrew; Andrew and Philip *came and *told Jesus.</b></p>	<p>21 그들은 갈릴리 벳새다 사람 <u>빌립에게</u> 가서 예수님을 뵈게 해 달라고 간청하였다.</p> <p>22 그래서 빌립이 안드레에게 가서 말하 여 <u>안드레와 빌립이 예수님께 그 말을 전하였다.</u></p>	<p>crowds welcome Him to Jerusalem (John 12:1-19).</p> <p>Jesus had spoken to the woman (Jn 4) and ministered to other outcasts.</p> <p>Philip is a Greek name. Notice he is from Andrew's city. (see above).</p>	<p>in your heart &amp; life. Praise Him!</p> <p>Do not judge by gender, race, nationality; we are of one blood (Galatians; Genesis 1, 9).</p> <p>Every sinner needs Jesus. Bring your neighbors, your nation, and the world to Jesus!</p>
<p><b>Mark 13:3</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,</p> <p><b>4</b> Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?</p>	<p><b>3</b> 예수님이 감람산에서 성전을 마주 보고 앉아 계실 때 베드로와 야고보와 요한과 안드레가 조용히 와서 물었다.</p> <p><b>4</b> "선생님, 언제 이런 일이 일어나겠습니까? 또 이 모든 일이 이루어지려고 할 때의 징조는 무엇입니까?"</p>	<p>The disciples were impressed by the temple; Jesus revealed that both the temple of His body and the Jerusalem temple would be destroyed.</p> <p>The Olivet Discourse came as the result of disciples' questions.</p> <p>Eschatology was revealed</p>	<p><b>Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Take care of it (1 Cor 6).</b></p> <p><b>The church is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Pray for it, care for it, tend it, attend it!</b></p> <p><b>How many spiritual truths are left unlearned because we don't ask questions? The Holy Spirit is</b></p>

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			as an answer to Qs!	our Teacher!
<b>Acts 1:13</b>	<p>13 When they had entered <i>the city</i>, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and <b>Andrew</b>, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James <i>the son of Alphaeus</i>, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas <i>the son of James</i>. 14 <b>These all</b> with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with <i>the women</i>, and <b>Mary the mother of Jesus</b>, and with <b>His brothers</b>.</p>	<p><b>13</b> 그들은 성안으로 들어가 자기들이 머물던 이층 방으로 올라갔다. 그들은 베드로, 요한, 야고보, 안드레, 빌립, 도마, 바돌로매, 마태, 알패오의 아들 야고보, 열심당원 시몬, 야고보의 아들 유다였다.</p> <p><b>14</b> 그들은 거기 모인 여자들과 예수님의 어머니 마리아와 예수님의 동생들과 함께 한마음으로 계속 기도에만 힘썼다.</p>	<p>Jesus dies, is buried, and rose again, according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:1-8).</p> <p>40 days Jesus stayed with His disciples, instructing them, assuring them, proving to them His Deity and resurrection and teaching about the Kingdom of God. He told them to wait for the Holy Spirit baptism to come (1:1-7).</p> <p>Jesus ascended into heaven. Angels promised He'd return (1:8-12) Everyone prays.</p>	<p><b>Luke repeats the Gospel again (1-8).</b></p> <p>Don't be afraid to repeat the Old, Old Story!</p> <p>Jesus gave His disciples a 40 Day Intensive Course on His Kingdom. Expect to continue learning about God, His kingdom, and His ways as long as you live!</p> <p>Expect the Lord Jesus Christ to return at any time as a thief in the night. Noone knows the day or the hour.</p>

**Conclusion:** The Lord chose Andrew as one of His disciples who spent time with Him, preached, performed miracles, and who spent time with his friend Philip to be a blessing to thousands, bring Greeks to Jesus, and to

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pray with the church for the coming of the Spirit and Jesus' return. Let us follow His excellent example!