

THE KING'S MEN: PART 3
(Matthew 10:3a)

I. Philip

A. What we KNOW about him: from Bethsaida

1. The only Apostle known only by a GREEK name
2. He was SEEKING the Messiah BEFORE meeting Jesus (Jn 1:45)
3. Jesus FOUND him and said, "FOLLOW ME"
4. Philip went to tell BARTHOLOMEW he'd found JESUS
5. He was PRACTICAL and ANALYTICAL (Jn 6:5-7)
6. He tended to be TIMID or INDECISIVE (Jn 12:20-22)
7. He LACKED spiritual PERCEPTION (Jn 14:8)

B. What TRADITION/HISTORY says about him: Preached in Phrygia, martyred upside down by BLEEDING from wounds in his LEGS

II. Bartholomew, Also Called Nathanael

A. What we KNOW about him: from CANA (John 1:45-51; 21:2)

1. He was brought to Christ by PHILIP, his FRIEND
2. He was a STUDENT of SCRIPTURE, and was WATCHING for Messiah
3. He was affected by PREJUDICE

4. He was WILLING to INVESTIGATE
5. He was a man of INTEGRITY
6. He declared, “You are the SON of God, the KING of Israel”

B. What TRADITION/HISTORY says about him: Preached in and around INDIA, martyred either by CRUCIFIXION or FLAYING

III. Thomas, Also Called Didymus

A. What we KNOW about him

1. He was PESSIMISTIC, but COURAGEOUS (Jn 11:14-16)
2. His LOVE for Jesus was STEADFAST
3. His DESIRE to be with Jesus was UNWAVERING (John 14:1-6)
4. He did not BELIEVE the report of Jesus’ resurrection
5. Seeing Jesus, he exclaimed, “My LORD and my GOD!”

B. What TRADITION/HISTORY says about him: Preached in INDIA and died by being run through with a SPEAR

IV. Matthew, also called Levi

A. What we KNOW about him (Matt. 9:9; Lk 5:28-29)

1. He was a TAX-COLLECTOR in CAPERNAUM
2. He forsook ALL when Jesus called him to FOLLOW
3. He hosted a BANQUET to introduce Jesus to his FRIENDS

B. What TRADITION/HISTORY says about him: Preached in ARABIA and ETHIOPIA, where he EXECUTED with a sword