I. **ANDREW’S LIFE.**

A. **Name:** brave or manly.

B. **Father:** Like Peter, his father was **Jonah** (John 1:42).

C. **Home:** Like Peter, he lived in **Bethsaida** then Capernaum (John 1:44).

D. **Occupation:** Like Peter, he was a professional **fisherman.**

E. **Spiritual background:**

   1. He had been a disciple of **John the Baptist.**
   2. He became Jesus’ **first** disciple—John 1:35-40.

F. **Along with Peter,** he became a fisher of **men**—Matt. 4:18-20.

G. **He brought** others to Jesus.

   1. His brother **Peter**—John 1:41-42a.
   2. The boy with the **lunch**—John 6:8-9.

H. **Traditions about Andrew.**

   1. Took the gospel to Scythia (Southern **Russia**) and Greece
   2. **Crucified in Patras** (third largest city in Greece).
      a. Crucified on a “**saltire**” or X shaped cross.
      b. St. Andrews Basilica is located in Patras. It is said to have three Catholic relics of Andrews: a **finger,** part of his **skull** and a piece of the cross he was crucified on.
      c. **Andrew** is the patron saint of **Scotland** today.

I. **Although Andrew wrote no N.T. epistles** or there is no record of any of his sermons in the Bible, he made a lasting mark as Jesus’ first disciple.
II. ANDREW’S LESSONS.

A. He was willing to work behind the scenes.

B. He never sought the limelight.

C. He was a soul winner in that he brought people to Jesus.

D. Even working behind the scenes he made significant contributions to the cause of Christ and Christianity.

E. Following Jesus has its hardships.

1. The Bible only mentions to the death of two of Jesus twelve disciples (James by Herod Agrippa I and Judas Iscariot who killed himself.

2. Eight of Jesus twelve disciples are thought to have died martyrs.

3. The deaths of three of the twelve disciples is unknown: John, Bartholomew, and Simon the Canaanite.

4. Only two of Jesus’ disciples were thought to have been crucified: Peter and his brother Andrew.