

# Jesus Calls His Disciples

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John 1:35-51

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## The First Disciples 35-42

- John reveals John the Baptist's humility and self-effacing focus on Jesus
- John is not bothered that two of his disciples begin to follow Jesus
- They followed at distance... Jesus met them & asked *what are you seeking?*
- Rabbi - John defines for Greek readers *teacher*
- *Where are you staying?* - they want more than just a conversation
- Jesus invites them *Come and you will see* to join Him
- Andrew and John (knew exact time he was changed) join Jesus

## Sharing the Truth 40-42

- Andrew excited he found the Messiah he tells his brother Simon<sup>41-42</sup>
- Andrew was not prominent but was an apostle<sup>Mt10:2-4; Mk3:16-19; Lk6:13-16</sup>
- Andrew consistently introduced others to Jesus - 1<sup>st</sup> his brother
- Andrew worked crowd to know boy who food Jesus used to feed 5000<sup>Jn6:8</sup>
- Andrew introduced Greeks who were seeking to Jesus<sup>Jn12:19,20-23</sup>
- Are you quick to introduce others to Jesus who has the answer they need?

## Peter the Rock 42

- Jesus sees Peter for what he will be<sup>42</sup> Cephas=rock<sup>Aramaic</sup>; Peter=rock<sup>Greek</sup>
- Name change often signals new relationship w/ God Abram<sup>Gen17:5</sup>; Jacob<sup>Gen32:28</sup>
- Jesus sees who we are as He redeems us to be

## Philip & Nathaniel 43-51

- Next day - John is noting the days carefully for us up to wedding<sup>7th</sup>
- Jesus goes north to Galilee where he told Philip, *follow me*<sup>43</sup>
- Philip couldn't keep the good news to himself and found Nathaniel<sup>45</sup>
- Nathaniel couldn't envision Messiah from Nazareth; wordplay-Matthew<sup>2:23</sup>
- Philip didn't argue – simply invited *come and see*<sup>39</sup>
- Lesson for us: don't argue – show others Jesus however you can - pray<sup>Jn3:3</sup>
- Jesus knew men so declared: *in whom there is no deceit*<sup>47</sup> compliment<sup>Ps32:2</sup>
- Nathaniel shocked by Jesus' words asked *how do you know me?*
- Jesus stated saw him under fig-tree<sup>1K4:25; Micah4:4</sup> which represents peace
- Realizes Jesus truly 'saw his heart' declares *Son of God; King of Israel*<sup>49</sup>
- Jesus<sup>51</sup> expands Nathaniel's limited view - from deliverer of Israel to whole world: Israel of God<sup>Gal6:16</sup>, Abraham's children from every nation<sup>Gal3:7; Rm4:16</sup>
- Allusion to Jacob's vision<sup>Gen28:12</sup> about better things seems to be when Christ returns at 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent<sup>Mt26:64</sup> after completing his mission to redeem sinners
- We await our blessed hope: Christ's return<sup>Titus2:13-14</sup>

## Will You Receive Jesus as John presents Him?

- Jesus described 21 ways in Chp 1 of John's Gospel: 1. The Word. 2. God. 3. Life. 4. Light. 5. The true light. 6. The only begotten of the Father. 7. Full of grace and truth. 8. Jesus Christ. 9. The only begotten Son. 10. The Lord. 11. The Lamb of God. 12. Jesus. 13. A Man. 14. The Son of God. 15. Rabbi. 16. Teacher. 17. Messiah. 18. Christ. 19. The Son of Joseph. 20. The King of Israel. 21. The Son of man.
- So who is Jesus to you?