

THE FIRST DISCIPLES OF JESUS
JOHN 1:35-51

TODAY WE RETURN TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN. TO SUMMARIZE OUR PROGRESS SO FAR, WE MUST FIRST ADDRESS THE FACT THAT THIS GOSPEL IS DIFFERENT FROM MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE (THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS). THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS ACCOUNT FOR THE HISTORY IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST, WHILE JOHN'S GOSPEL IS BOTH APOLOGETIC AND EVANGELISTIC. JOHN INTRODUCES US TO WHO JESUS CHRIST IS; IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD, THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, INFINITE, SINLESS, AND HOLY. EVEN IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST THAT JOHN SHARES WITH US, IT IS DONE TO PROVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE MESSIAH THAT FULFILLS THE LAW OF THE OT. SO THAT, ALL WHO READ THIS GOSPEL WILL BELIEVE AND BY BELIEVING, MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME. THE APOSTLE JOHN'S INTRODUCTION ENDS AND HE INTRODUCES JOHN THE BAPTIST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IS THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS DECLARING "MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY FOR THE LORD!" HE BAPTIZED PEOPLE IN WATER FOR REPENTANCE OF SIN, GETTING THEIR HEARTS READY TO RECEIVE THE COMING MESSIAH. IN TODAY'S PORTION OF SCRIPTURE, WE ARE IN A FOUR DAY CONSECUTIVE ACCOUNT. THE FIRST DAY, JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNOUNCED THE IMMINENT REVELATION OF THE MESSIAH. THE SECOND DAY, JOHN THE BAPTIST IDENTIFIED JESUS AS THE MESSIAH BY GIVING HIS TESTIMONY OF WHEN HE BAPTIZED JESUS. "I SAW

THE SPIRIT COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND REMAIN ON HIM”, THE FATHER TOLD ME THAT “HE IS THE ONE WHO WILL BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT”, “HE IS GOD’S CHOSEN ONE” THIS BRINGS US TO THE THIRD DAY. HOW DO WE KNOW?

John 1:35-37 NIV

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

JOHN THE BAPTIST HAD DISCIPLES, HE POINTED THEM TO JESUS, THIS WAS HIS JOB AS A PREACHER

John 1:38 NIV

³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

WHAT DO YOU WANT? NOT WHO DO YOU WANT?

WANT/ZETEO/TO LOOK FOR, SEEK OUT, DESIRE TO POSSESS

THIS IS A QUESTION FOR ALL OF US

THESE DISCIPLES ANSWERED CORRECTLY

John 1:39 NIV

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

JESUS OPENS THE DOOR IMMEDIATELY, NOT “TOMORROW”
NOTHING HAS CHANGED, THE OFFER IS STILL GOOD TODAY
SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND, KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL OPEN

THESE DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS QUESTIONS ALL DAY

John 1:40 NIV

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

SO WE KNOW ANDREW AND THE APOSTLE JOHN WERE FIRST
DISCIPLES OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND THE FIRST TWO
DISCIPLES OF JESUS

John 1:41-42 NIV

⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

IT WAS 400 YEARS SINCE GOD SPOKE TO ISRAEL

“WE FOUND HIM!”, THE REALITY IS, WE DON’T FIND GOD, HE
HAS HAD US IN MIND BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE
WORLD. HE ILLUMINATES THE MIND AND REGENERATES THE
HEART TO THE TRUTH. BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

SIMON/OBEDIENT ONE, CEPHAS & PETER/ROCK/PETROS

JESUS KNOWS WHERE WE ARE AT, AND CHANGES US INTO WHAT HE WANTS US TO BE. FROM LOST TO A ROCK

John 1:43-44 NIV

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

THIS IS THE FOURTH DAY, JESUS TAKES INITIATIVE AND CALLS PHILIP HIMSELF, COUNT THE COST, DENY YOURSELF, PICK UP YOUR CROSS, AND “FOLLOW ME”

THESE GUYS WERE BLUE COLLAR FISHERMAN, JESUS DOES NOT CALL THE RELIGIOUS ELITE, HE CALLS THE COMMON MAN HE COMES FOR THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST, THE BROKEN, AND THE HUMBLE

John 1:45-46 NIV

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

TESTIMONY OF THE GOD MAN

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

THIS IS EVANGELISM 101- PEOPLE MAY LOOK AT YOU AND SAY
“CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF YOUR LIFE?” YOUR
RESPONSE “COME AND SEE”

John 1:47 NIV

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

JESUS SEES THE HEART IN US, HE KNOWS IF WE ARE SELF
RIGHTEOUS JUST “PLAYING CHURCH” OR IF WE ARE GENUINE
ALL ISRAEL WITH NO JACOB

John 1:48-49 NIV

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

“I SAW YOU, WAY BEFORE YOU KNEW ME”

John 1:50-51 NIV

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then

added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”
VERY TRULY I TELL YOU (PLURAL)

JESUS IS QUOTING GENESIS 28:12 (JACOB’S DREAM) AND
APPLYING IT TO HIMSELF

Genesis 28:12 NIV

¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

INVITE BAND UP

BY THE WILL OF THE FATHER, THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT, AND
ANGELIC PRESENCE, JESUS CHRIST PERFORMED MIRACLES,
FULFILLED ALL PROPHECIES, AND COMPLETED HIS MISSION ON
THE CROSS.

HE CAME TO SAVE US IN HIS OBEDIENCE, SO WE IN TURN AS
HIS DISCIPLES WALK IN OBEDIENCE

THIS INCLUDES BEING BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

JESUS WAS BAPTIZED TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS, SO
SHALL WE IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM