

The Gospel of John

“SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE...”

Today's Message: “Jesus' First Disciples”

Today's Scripture: John 1:35-51

Theme: Jesus invites you and me to share in a personal relationship that transforms our identity and purpose in this life .

“COME AND SEE”



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THE BEGINNING OF THE 3RD DAY

I. The Testimony of the First Disciples – verses 35-37

A. Two Men Listening to John the Baptist Preach

1. As followers of John the Baptist

2. John The Baptist cries out – Behold the Lamb of God

In the Biblical Context

a. It signifies Jesus' divine role

b. it connects it with the Jewish sacrificial practices where lambs were offered for the atonement of sin

In the Theological Theme for Believers

c. it emphasizes the atonement for sin with the death of a lamb or Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

d. it highlights Jesus as the Messiah, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies

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A. Two Men Listening —

B. They heard, and they began to follow Jesus vs.37

1. That one is named Andrew vs. 40

> The brother of Simon Peter

2. What do we know about Andrew?

> 1st evangelist — born in Bethsaida

> a fisherman

> he helped in Jesus' ministry

> he was with Jesus at the Mt . Of Olives

> he was present at the ascension of Jesus

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II. The Second Disciple's Testimony, Plus Another — vs. 41-42

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ISA. 61:1-2a

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed Me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; ² To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD"...

MATT. 1:1

"The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:"

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2. A fisherman

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Luke 9:49-51

” John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us.” ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Do not hinder *him*; for he who is not against you is for you.”

⁵¹ When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; ⁵² and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. ⁵³ But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; ⁵⁶ for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.”] And they went on to another village.”

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4. An Apostle, writer of 5 books of Bible
5. Called beloved by Jesus

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III. The Third Disciple by Name — vs. 43-44

A. Jesus found Philip and said to him "Follow Me"

B. He was from Bethsaida the NE side of the Sea of Galilee

- > His name is Greek, but not his nationality

- > At Passover — Philip & Andrew took some Greeks to meet Jesus — Jn 12:20

- > He advised Jesus about how much it would take to feed the 5,000 — Jn 6:7

- > At the last supper he will ask Jesus to show them the Father Jn 14:8-9

- > He will be present after the ascension to pray in Acts 1:3

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IV. The Fourth Disciple by Name — vs. 43-44

A. Nathanael -

B. He was from Cana in Galilee

Duet 18:18 “I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in His mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command Him”.

Mica 5:2 “But as for you Bethlehem, Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”

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IV. The Fourth Disciple by Name — vs. 45-51

A. Nathanael -

B. He was from Cana in Galilee

C. He has a problem with Jesus of Nazareth

> Jesus said "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit" vs.47

> Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree "I saw you" vs. 48

D. Nathanael declares "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel" vs.49

E. What do we know about Nathanael —

- . A friend of Philip from Cana in Galilee, where Jesus' 1st miracle was
- . He was honest, insightful, a faithful servant
- . A key leader in the early church
- . He had two names — Nathanael & Bartholomew — Matt 10:3, Mk 3:18, Lk 6:14 & Acts 1:13

The Invitation to Follow

The Invitation to Witness

The invitation of Transformation

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APPLICATION

1. Ask Yourself – What am I seeking ?

> When I come to church, when I pray, when I serve, am I content to stay on the sidelines or do I hunger for His Word, love to sing praises to Him, and worship and serve Him, & desire to spend time in fellowship with other believers?

2. We are all called to share Christ with others as His witnesses.

Who are the people in your life who need to know about Jesus the Messiah?

May we all “Go & Tell “, and invite them to “Come & See” !

3. Remember He called us all to a new identity in Christ as LORD. (Like Simon we are more than our past, & like Nathanael as a believer in Christ our skepticism gave way to the wonder and work of Jesus in our life and His love for you & me.)

May our lives bear witness of the Light and the love we have in JESUS CHRIST our LORD and SAVIOR.

Victory in Jesus by E.M. Bartlett

I heard an old old story, How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary, To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning. Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins, And won the victory

CHORUS

O victory in Jesus, My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me, With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him, And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing, Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again, And caused the blind to see
And then I cried dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit
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