

John 1 Pt 4 vv 29-51

Fear God

- Jesus the Eternal Word
- Jesus the Life and Light
- Jesus the Word made Flesh and today...

V. Jesus the Lamb of God

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The **Lamb of God** who **takes away the sin** of the world!"

- Jesus already Baptized/Tempted 40 Days
- John back at the Jordan Baptizing as Jesus Approaches

Behold the Lamb of God who Takes Away the Sin of the World!

30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 31 **I did not know Him**; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore **I came baptizing with water.**"

- I didn't know who He was but knew I was to Preach/Baptize
- To Prepare sinners for One to Come

32 And John bore witness, saying, "**I saw the Spirit** descending from heaven like a dove, and **He remained upon Him**. 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and **remaining on Him**, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

I Saw the Spirit Descend/Remain on Him
The Godhead Revealed at Jesus Baptism

Luke 3:21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that **Jesus also was baptized**; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the **Holy Spirit** descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven **[the Father]** which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Why was Jesus baptized?
Numbered w/Transgressors yet w/out sin. Identified w/us
Lamb of God is the Son of man

Hebrews 4:15 ... was in all points tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 [God the Father] made Him who **knew no sin** to be sin for us

Godhead revealed at Jesus Baptism
Jesus Baptized/Spirit Descends/Father Speaks. You are My beloved Son

34 And I have seen and testified that this is the **Son of God.**"

VI. First Disciples

35 Again, the **next day, John stood with two of his disciples.** 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "**Behold the Lamb of God!**"

John Introduces Jesus as both the Son of God v34 and Lamb of God vv 29,35

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and **they followed Jesus.**

John Releases his Disciples to Jesus
John Encourages his Disciples to Follow Jesus

Thus John was losing his own disciples. By his testimony to the truth he was sending them to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and he did it well and gracefully. There are many who would find it a hard task to reduce the number of their disciples but *it was not so with John*. [Spurgeon]

38 Then **Jesus turned**, and seeing them following, said to them, "**What do you seek?**" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "**where are You staying?**" 39 He said to them, "**Come and see.**" They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour 4PM). 40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was **Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.** 41 He first found his own brother Simon [Peter] and said to, "**We have found the Messiah**" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And **he brought him to Jesus.**

- **Andrew:** lit. Manly

1. John's Disciple
2. Peter's Brother
3. Guy who found the kid w/sandwiches at the feeding 5000

John 6:9 [Andrew to Jesus] ...here's a lad here who has five loaves/two small fish...

Andrew loved to present people to Jesus...

John 12:21 ... [Greeks] came to Philip...and asked him, saying, "**Sir, we wish to see Jesus.**" 22 Philip came and **told Andrew**, and in turn **Andrew and Philip told Jesus.**

Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus...We have found the Messiah!
First thing Jesus does? Gives Peter a New Name...

42b... Now when Jesus **looked at him**, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. **You shall be called Cephas**" (which is translated, A **Stone**/Peter).

Simon now Cephas/Rock
Jesus looked at him knowing what He could/would make out of him

1 Samuel 16:7 ...man looks at the outward appearance, but the **Lord looks at the heart.**"

[W/out God] You are not who you think you are. You are not who others think you are. You are who you believe others think you are. False

[Boston headlined: Poco/Outlaws/Utopia opened at Giants Stadium/Meadowlands June 17, 1979. 12 years old] Sometime between 11:00 pm on March 8 and 1:20 am on March 9, 2007, Delp died by suicide from carbon monoxide poisoning in his home at 55 Academy Avenue, in Atkinson, New Hampshire. He had been suffering from depression since he was a teenager. The Atkinson police discovered his body on the floor of his master bathroom. Two charcoal grills were found to have been placed in the bathtub and lit, causing the room to fill with smoke. The following day, Boston's website was replaced with a simple black background and white text message: "We've just lost the nicest guy in rock and roll." A note paper clipped to the neckline of his shirt read: Mr. Brad Delp. J'ai une ame solitaire. [I have a lonely soul] I am a lonely soul.

- Brad like everyone needed Jesus. Lost his voice/Identity/Thought he lost his reason to live
- Jesus Christ offers the abundant life. There is no second choice. Our life/purpose is found in Jesus

As believers we are who God says we are. Period.

We just need to walk in who we already are in the eyes of God.

His beloved Child. Precious in his sight. Tell everybody. Don't give up. Life is found
is Jesus

Glorify God and Enjoy Him forever

Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus
Jesus looked him: You are now call Peter the Rock

43 The following day **Jesus wanted to go to Galilee...**

- **Day One:** J the B declares his ministry. The voice to prepare the way for the Word
- **Day Two:** J the B introduces Jesus as the **Lamb of God**
- **Day Three:** John the B releases his disciples to Jesus
- **Day Four...**

Jesus heads to Galilee w/Andrew, Peter and John
Jesus will reveals Himself as the Only Way to the Father

43b... and [Jesus] found Philip and said to him, "**Follow Me.**"

Jesus Found Philip? lit. Lover/Friend of Horses
Jesus was looking for him. God was looking for him and you...

Jesus sought you/You received Him/Now you are In Him
Do you know who you are In Christ? How loved you are?

Ephesians 1: Knowing who We are In Christ

- **We are Blessed** with all Spiritual Blessings
- **We are Found** Holy/Blameless at Judgment
- **We are Predestined** to be Conformed to the Image of Christ

- **We are Adopted** by God According to His Good Pleasure/His Foreknowledge

Matthew 13:44 [Jesus said...] the kingdom of heaven is like **treasure** hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one **pearl of great price**, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

You are a Treasure to God. You are a Pearl of Great Worth in His eyes
Sought you out as He did Philip. Gave everything for you

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida [House of Fish], the city of Andrew [Manly] and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael [Gift of God] and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, **the son of Joseph.**"

- Andrew/John leave J the B to follow Jesus
- Andrew tells his brother Peter
- Jesus calls Philip who goes to find Nathaniel and proclaims...

We found the One Moses/Prophets spoke of...
We found the Awaited Messiah of God [...or did He find us?]

- The One who would save man from his sins
- Prophesied from Genesis to Revelation

Hebrews 10:7 'Behold, I have come— **In the volume of the book it is written of Me**

Luke 24:25b [Emmaus] "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ... **27** And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Son of Joseph? *Adopted* son of Joseph.
Only begotten Son of God. We found the Messiah!

46 And Nathanael said to him, "**Can anything good come out of Nazareth?**"

Nathanael: gr. "Gift of God"
Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

46b... Philip said to him, "**Come and see.**"

Philip: Relentless to bring Nate to Jesus pulls him up...

47 **Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him**, and said of him, "**Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!**"

Here comes an Israelite in whom there is no Jacob

You see although this man is a wisecracker he is not deceitful or cunning. [JV McGee]

48 Nathanael said to Him, "**How do You know me?**" Jesus answered and said to him, "**Before Philip** called you, when you were under the fig tree, **I saw you.**"

Before I Called You I Saw You
The LORD sees the Heart

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Judges 6:11 Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree... which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "**The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!**"

Galatians 1:15 ...it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace...

Before I called you...I saw you

49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "**Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!**"

▪ **Nathanael's Testimony:** All Titles refer to Messiah

1. **Rabbi** You are a *Teacher*
2. **Son of God** You are *Deity*
3. **King of Israel** You are *Royalty*

50 Jesus answered and said to [Nathanael], "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And [Jesus] said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter **you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.**"

Genesis 28:10 [Jacob's first night away from home] Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. 12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the **angels of God were ascending and descending on it.** 13 And behold, the **Lord stood above it** and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac..."

- **I AM** that ladder between Earth/Heaven
- **I AM** that ladder between man/God

1 Timothy 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and **one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus**

IOWs I AM the only way to be saved. The only way to God the Father

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father **except through Me.**

Was Nathaniel Meditating on Genesis 28 when Jesus explained it?
Jesus visits us as we seek Him in His Word

Acts 8:26 [3-5 yrs later Philp still talking about Jesus] Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was **reading Isaiah the prophet.** ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." [Sought by Jesus through Philip] ³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And **as a lamb before its shearer is silent,** So He opened not His mouth. ³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." ³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and **beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.**

Began where the Ethiopian was at; i.e. in Isaiah and kept going
Lamb speaking of Jesus as illustrated in the OT

- Animal slain in the Garden of Eden to cover sin
- Abel's Lamb found acceptable by God
- Lamb provided to Abram as a substitute for Isaac
- Passover Lamb at Exodus/Lamb offered in Levitical sacrifices
- Isaiah's Lamb led to the slaughter for the sins of man. All speak of Jesus

Acts 8 [Cont.] ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." [Received by the Ethiopian] ³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord **caught Philip away,** so that **the eunuch saw him no more;** and he went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

The Lamb who Takes Away the Sin of the World!

- Andrew/John leave J the B to follow Jesus
- Andrew brings Peter to Jesus who wants to go to Galilee

- On the way in Bethsaida Jesus calls Philip who calls Nathaniel who eventually follows

Jesus/Andrew/John/Peter/Philip/Nathaniel
Heading to Galilee for Jesus' first Miracle

Exciting Prophetic Days of Show and Tell for the Boys
Sought by the Savior/Receiving the Savior/Bringing others to the Savior