

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Believe and Follow

John 1:35-51

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Who first introduced you to Jesus?

Jesus endured 40 days of a fast in the desert being tempted by Satan.

He comes out of the desert and is walking by the crowd.

JOHN POINTS THE WAY

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

John 1:35-39 ESV

They address Jesus as Rabbi and the request to meet with Him to hear His teaching.

JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

John 1:40-42 ESV

Andrew and John are the first to follow Jesus. Both had been disciples of John the Baptist.

Andrew and John have found the Messiah. But throughout the rest of the gospels there is a struggle for the disciples to reconcile Jesus with their expectations of the Messiah.

Do you ever struggle with your expectations of God?
That is why we end every prayer with 'Your will be done.'

FOLLOW ME

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael 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." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." John 1:43-51 ESV

Andrew and John are with John the Baptist who points them to Jesus.
Each of them bring their brother Peter and James
Jesus calls Philip and Philip calls his friend Nathanael.

When Jesus reveals His divine knowledge *Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"*

Just like the disciples and the Jews in general we all have expectations of God we have to deal with.

Jesus gives us His Holy Spirit who can teach us truth and how to live our lives.