

Jesus Acquires His First Disciples

John 1:35-51

Intro: In the passage before us this morning (1:35-51), John introduces Jesus' first 5 disciples: Andrew, an unnamed disciple (probably John), Peter, Philip, and Nathanael (Bartholomew). As each of the disciples came to Jesus they saw His glory and believed in Him! John's Gospel traces the disciples' escalation of faith (*see chart on the back*).

I. Two of John's Disciples Follow Jesus 1:35-39

A. John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God (vv. 35-36)

B. John's two disciples respond by following Christ (vv. 37-39)

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II. Andrew Brings His Brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus 1:40-42

A. Andrew brings his brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus (vv. 40-41)

“Come, follow Me.”

B. Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter = Rocky (v. 42)

III. Jesus Calls Philip to “Follow Him” 1:43-44

IV. Philip Invites Nathanael “To Come See” 1:45-51

A. Nathaniel's condemnation of Nazareth (vv. 45-46)

B. Jesus' commendation of Nathaniel (vv. 47-51)

Applications:

1. If we want to be Jesus' disciples we must spend time in His presence. We do this primarily through reading His Word and spending time in prayer. There are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity my friends. There is no other way, but to spend time with Jesus.
2. When was the last time you shared Christ or your personal testimony with someone?