

# The Gospel According to John

## Discipleship 101 - John 1:35-51

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## Key Verses:

<sup>39</sup> ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’

### *– John chapter 1*

## Background:

John, as one of the 12, had a firsthand eyewitness account of the life and ministry of Christ. He begins his Gospel with his own personal testimony in the prologue as he builds his case stated in verse 31 of chapter 20, ***“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”*** Next, he leverages the credibility of John the Baptist as a forerunner for Christ before turning to Christ Himself and the calling of His disciples.

## 1. THE CALL (vs. 32-39)

a) The first step of discipleship is recognizing who Jesus truly is.

## John the Baptist (35):

*“Look, the Lamb of God!”*

Andrew (40):

*“We have found the Messiah!”*

### Philip (45):

*“...whom the prophets wrote about”*

## **Nathaniel (49):**

*“...the Son of God!”*

Vs. 39 “Come...and you will see.”

*It is a personal invitation to Himself. It's not a program, not a checklist that you need to complete, but a personal relationship.*

### Question: “*What do you want?*” (Verse 38)

**Ask yourself:** "What are you looking for as you come to church, as you come to Christ?"

Everything we are looking for is and can only be satisfied in the person of Christ. It is all answered and fulfilled in a personal relationship with the Saviour!

**Jesus is calling us to**  !

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## 2. THE PROCESS (vs. 40-46)

<sup>42</sup> “Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated is Peter).”

Christ sees you not as you [REDACTED], but who by His grace you can [REDACTED]!

- a. **Discipleship is an intentional process** – Are we willing to follow even if we aren't sure where He's leading us?
- b. **Discipleship is 2-part process here:**
  - Yes, responding to the call and [REDACTED],
  - but it also involves [REDACTED]!

## 3. THE COST & REWARD (vs. 47-51)

### SALVATION vs DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is costly and requires [REDACTED].

<sup>50</sup> ”...You will see greater things than that.”

**Reflection:** Are you willing to follow Jesus into the greater things He has prepared for you, even when they are beyond your understanding?

**COME & SEE!**

### SO WHAT?

- **DISCOVER** all the answers to your questions and desires in a personal relationship with Christ!

### NOW WHAT?

- **GO DEEPER.** Find ways to be obedient in growing commitment to live as a disciple of Christ and truly experience life in His name!