

Believe and Have Life

The Gospel of John


John 1:35-51

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1. John the Baptist spends three days bearing witness to Jesus. What happens on each of these three days?
Day 1 (1:19-28)


Day 2 (1:29-34)

Day 3 (1:35-37)

2. Two of John the Baptist's disciples leave his side and follow Jesus.
 - a. How do you think John might have felt about this? (3:27-30)
 - b. Being disciples of John first, they have heard him talk about the One who is coming (vv. 29-30). How do their actions confirm their understanding of John's teaching? (v. 37)
 - c. What do the two disciples of John ask Jesus and what happens as a result? (vv. 38b-39)
3. One of the disciples is understood to be John, the other Andrew. What does Andrew do after spending time with Jesus? (vv. 40-42)
4. Fill in the blanks to complete verse 42: Jesus says, "You ____ Simon son of John. You _____ called Cephas." This change speaks of the work Jesus will do in Peter's life. What does his new name mean? (see footnote in your Bible;  * Mt. 16:18)

What does this new name suggest about who Simon Peter will become?

5. Who is the next person Jesus calls, and what is his response? (vv. 43-45)
6. We've read John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus. Who else does Philip say testifies about Jesus? (v. 45;  * Lk. 24:25-27)

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

7. What do you think of Nathanael's reaction to Philip's news?

How is his reaction similar to the way people today might react to news about Jesus?

8. What is Philip's response to Nathanael? (v. 46b)

How is that response still appropriate today when we meet people who are skeptical about Jesus?

9. What is Jesus revealing about himself in his interaction with Nathanael? (vv. 47-48)

10. Look back over the passage and write down all the ways that Jesus is described.

What is clear to these men after their initial encounter with Him that has made them so excited?

11. What Old Testament story is Jesus alluding to in verse 51? (Gen. 28:10-12, 16-17)

Jesus describes himself as the ladder Jacob saw. What could this mean? (1:18; 14:6)

12. The title Jesus most often uses for himself is Son of Man. What does this title say about him? (Dan. 7:13-14)

13. After our study of chapter 1, what excites you about Jesus?

To whom do you want to say, "Come and see!"?