

“Follow Me”

Week 18: John 1:35-51 §§31

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Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated 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. (4pm)

These are simple phrases, but what do you think they mean in context of the culture? _____

How does this compare to “followership” in our day? _____

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have **found the Messiah**" (which translated 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 is translated Peter). [Cephas -rock or stone in Aramaic]

Who was the “Messiah” to these Jews? Jesus had fulfilled over 300 Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah, but most Jews were not ready to **dismiss their traditions** about the Messiah in favor of seeing through the eyes of those prophecies. The history of Israel's past leaders did a lot to form their traditions – What would they have expected if the Messiah were like...

For next time, John 2:1-12 §§32,33

Abraham _____

Moses _____

David _____

Solomon _____

Elijah _____

43 The next day He planned to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of 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 any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Can you imagine a similar conversation today about Jesus? How would it go? Try talking through this with someone playing the part of Nathaniel.

How did the word about Jesus spread, and how did Jesus become the topic of conversation in these situations? _____

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to 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 and said to 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

What tipped Nathaniel off that changed his mind about Jesus? _____

Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that 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 the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

What seemed to be the first thing Jesus would talk about with people?

Has this been your experience in the way you have encountered the person of Jesus? Explain: _____

Look up Genesis 28:12, Matt. 3:16, Luke 22:42, and Hebrews 1:14.

What was Jesus referring to here? _____

How does this passage inform us as to what discipleship meant; and how would you apply this to our current culture? _____