

Series “Jesus: God And Savior”

“Come And See”

John 1:37-51

Part-5

There was something about Jesus that captured their profound interest.

They see Jesus as a “Rabbi, Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph, Son of God, King of Israel”

Public Ministry: (3 years) John 1:19-12:50

Theme Of John – The Deity of Jesus Christ “Jesus: God And Savior”

Thought Of Our Passage: “Jesus Encourages People To Come And See, Not To See Us But To See Jesus”

1. Verses - 37-40 Andrew And John:

2. Verses - 41-42 Simon Peter:

3. Verses – 43-51 Philip And Nathanael:

1. Verses - 37-40 Andrew And John:

John 1:37

“The two disciples heard him speak,” - Context: John The Baptist Witnessing For Jesus John 1:35-36 John’s mission was to point men to the Messiah John 1:7

“The two disciples” – Who were these two? One was Andrew Simon Peter’s brother (John 1:40) The other disciple was probably John. John 21:20

“disciple” – literally “walk after” or “a follower of the teacher and his teaching”

“heard him speak,” - That is what ministry involves communication and hearing.

“and they followed Jesus.” - It is the out-growth of John’s testimony of Jesus

John 1:38

“and said to them, ‘What do you seek?’ - Literally “What are you seeking?”

This is the first recorded word’s of Jesus Christ. His public ministry.

"What are you looking for?" - "Why am I here? What do I really want out of life?"

“And they said to Him, ‘Rabbi (which translated means Teacher)”

They Saw Jesus As The Teacher

“where are You staying?” - The equivalent to “requesting an audience with Jesus” They wanted to hear from Jesus for themselves, and receive from Him.

John 1:39

“He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.” - Come and investigate. Come and watch and ask questions.

John 7:17

“about the tenth hour.” - If this is Jewish time it would be 4:00PM if it is Roman time it is 10:00 AM

John 1:40

“Andrew” – He is called “The Friendly Apostle or Disciple”.

He is always bringing someone to Jesus:

He brings his brother to the Lord

He brings little boy with a few loaves and some fish to Jesus; John 6:8-9

He brings some Greeks to Jesus; John 12:21-22

2. Verses - 41-42 Simon Peter:

John 1:41

“He found first” – “immediately, shortly afterwards”

“his own brother Simon,” - That is the sign of conversion (finding Jesus) is that you find others.

“and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which translated means Christ).”

Jesus The Messiah:

John 1:42

“He brought him to Jesus.” - Jesus is the goal! (Not to us, not dependent on us!)

"Simon" - Hebrew word means “a listener, a hearer, one who is constantly listening to what is going on around him”

“you shall be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).” - Cephas is Aramaic, which is very close to Hebrew.

“Cephas” means “a rock” and John translates it here, using the Greek word for rock.

“Peter” is the Greek translation of the Aramaic.

3. Verses – 43-51 Philip And Nathanael:

John 1:43

“Galilee” – literally means “circle or district”

“and He found Philip.” - Notice who found Philip! It was Jesus.

Philip is a quiet/shy and intelligent person. He is so quiet that nobody knows he is even there. So no one brought him, so Jesus comes right to him. John 6:5-7; 14:8-10

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ - Literally “keep on following me!”

John 1:44

“Bethsaida” was near the northeast shore of Galilee. It is 1½ miles north of where the Jordan empties into the Sea of Galilee.

John 1:45

“Nathanael” - Nathanael is not listed in any of the Gospels as being part of the Apostolic band, because, he is called by the name of his father, “Bartholomew”. His full name is “Nathanael Bartholomew”

Nathanael was guileless. This man was without pretense.

“We (John, Andrew, Peter) have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote,” - Philip appeals to Nathanael from the Scriptures.

Deuteronomy 18:15

Zechariah 9:9

“Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Matthew 1:1-16 - the basis of claim to the throne of David.

John 1:46

"Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'" - "come listen and then make up your own decision."

John 1:47

Verses – 47-48 Jesus's Insight: Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him,

"Behold, Israelite indeed," - Nathanael was a Jew that longed to be governed by God inwardly not merely externally.

Romans 2:28-29; Jacob - "the trickster, supplanter", changed to "governed by God"

"in whom there is no deceit!" - There was no deceitfulness; no tendency to hide or be devious; no "bait, or a snare"

John 1:48

"Nathanael said to Him, 'How do You know me?'" - Jesus just described Nathanael and Nathanael had never met or encountered Jesus before.

John 2:24-25

"under the fig tree, I saw you." - Expression for "those that studied the Mosaic Law at home"

John 1:49

"Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, (Teacher) You are the Son of God;" Jesus
The Son Of God, You Are Deity!

“You are the King of Israel.” - Psalm 2:6-8

John 1:50-51

“And He said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you,’ - Jesus uses this phrase 25x in John’s Gospel. It is, “I tell you the truth”, “Amen, Amen”

Genesis 28:12

“on the Son of Man.” - Used 13x in John. 80x in the Gospels.

This is saying “I am the divine, son of God the ladder!”

Ezekiel 2:1-3 His humanity

Daniel 7:13 His Messiahship

I am that ladder that bridges the gap between heaven and earth. I am that awesome link that will meet between God and man, the perfect God-man.

Application:

1. Jesus Asked A Question "What Do You Seek?" The Answer Should Be God Himself (The Giver Not The Gift):
2. Jesus Said “Come, And You Will See" Is An Invitation - To Come And Investigate. Come And Watch And Ask Questions:
3. The Acid Test Of A God Centered Fruitful Ministry Is, Do The Disciples Follow Jesus And Bring Others To Jesus?