

LW

Respond – We are not the Messiah/Elijah/Prophet, We can Prepare way/Lord for people

Respond – People want/argue/religious stuff, we don't want/argue, we/love/talk about Jesus!

Respond – Jesus is the Christ – the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Respond – We can all 1) Bear witness 2) Speak/truth/seen/experienced, 3) Testify of Jesus!

John 1:35–51

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. **36** And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” **37** The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

* Amen!!! That is what it is all about! That's your and my calling!!!

* Two Disciples – V40 says one was Andrew; I tend to think the other was Apostle John

38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?”

39 He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). (4 pm)

40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. **41** He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). **42** And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone).

V40 - Andrew – John MacArthur points out it's most often “Simon Peter's brother”

- Even this first time...doesn't say, “who first found Jesus”, it says, “Simon Peter's brother”

- MacArthur points out that we never hear Andrew complain about getting 2 billing

Respond - You/I may never be the “Simon Peter”; It's awesome to be Simon Peter's brother

V41 - He first found his own brother/said, “We have found/Messiah, brought/Him/Jesus!

- Is that cool or what!!! He met Jesus one day, and the very next day was a witness of Him!

- Then brought him to Jesus!

Respond – We can do that! Tell what you/seen/heard/experienced bring them/meet Him!!!

V42 – Jesus looked/said, “You are Simon/Bar/Jonah; You shall be called Cephas/Stone”

- When we meet Jesus we don't become a member of a religion.

- When we meet Jesus we become new creations in Christ! (How Jesus sees us!)

Titus 3:3–7 - For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. **4** But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, **5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

* Wanted to go to Galilee – About 50-70 miles south of there along the Jordan/Baptizing

* Jesus found Philip/said – Follow Me – That's basically what he said to everyone!

- Say again/Sea/Galilee - **Matt 4:19**; Matthew/Tax Collector - **Matt 9:9**; **John 21:19, 22**

Respond – Follow? See Him/Hear Him/Believe in Him/Near Him/Being transformed/Him

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.”

* Philip found his friend – said to him basically same thing Andrew said to his brother!

* Jesus said the same thing about himself – **Lk 24:44**, Paul also **Acts 26:22-23**

Respond – Do you have a friend that needs to meet Jesus? Know Jesus is the Messiah!

- Andrew & Philip knew Him about a day! They knew He was the fulfillment/Messiah!

- You know that from our study of John 1!!!

46 And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

* Can anything good come out/Nazareth – Upbringing/culture/prejudices made/hard/believe

* Philip learned from Jesus how to handle a skeptic – come and see!

Respond

1) We must have Biblical worldview; (John 3:16/world);

- Need to be transformed/renewing mind – **Rom 12:2**

2) Learn “Come and see” is a great response to the critic!!!

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom 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 and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” **50** Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” **51** And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

* Nathaniel as well as Andrew/Peter and Philip had been looking/expecting the Messiah

* They were introduced to Him, then He revealed Himself to them fulfilling all prophecies

* And proved His Deity/His Godness while here on earth

* And they believed in Him

Communion

Respond – Jesus has done the same for us through His word, in just 1 Chapter of Gospel/John

* Revealed Himself as the Messiah, the Son of God, and believing in Him we have everlasting life!

* Do you believe?

Gospel of John

Purpose

John 20:30–31 - And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is 1) the Christ, 2) the Son of God, and that believing 3) you may have life in His name.

1. Jesus is the Christ

John 1:29 - The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (Gen 22:8, 13; Exodus 12:1-13, Isaiah 53:7-8)

John 1:36 - And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

John 1:40–41 - One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. **41** He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ).

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2. Jesus is the Son of God

John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:33–34 - I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ **34** And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

John 1:48–49 - 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 and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

3. You may have Life in His Name

John 1:12–13 - But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

4. Deity of Jesus (Godness)

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:3 - All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

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