

Tell them to Come and See

John 1:38-51 Then **Jesus turned**, and saw them **following**, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, **Master**,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, **Come and see**. They came and saw where he dwelt, and **abode with him** that day: for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was **Andrew**, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He **first findeth** his own brother **Simon**, and saith unto him, We have found the **Messias**, which is, being interpreted, **the Christ**. 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43 The **day following** Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth **Philip**, and saith unto him, **Follow me.** 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip findeth **Nathanael**, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom **Moses in the law, and the prophets**, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. 46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, **Come and see.** 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! 48 Nathanael saith unto him, **Whence knowest thou me?** Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. 49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, **thou art the Son of God;** thou art the King of Israel. 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. 51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

- Notice the word that they use when they see Jesus, Rabbi or Master
1. They came seeking! **38** Then **Jesus turned**, and saw them **following**, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, **Master**,) where dwellest thou?
 - a. John the Baptist had pointed them to Jesus
 - b. They were hungry to know Him and basically ask for an appointment **39** He saith unto them, **Come and see.** They came and saw where he dwelt, and **abode with him** that day: for it was about the tenth hour.
 - c. Andrew's invitation for Peter to come shows a biblical investigation background **41** He **first findeth** his own brother **Simon**, and saith unto him, We have found the **Messias**, which is, being interpreted, **the Christ.**
 - i. They knew and understood the term Messiah or Christ—the anointed one, sent from God to save
 - ii. Andrew says that he found him which makes it sound like they were looking for Him

- d. Nathanael will come to Jesus in the next verses. He, too, seems to have been seeking the truth
 - i. Philip tells Nathanael that he has found the one mentioned in the law and prophets **45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**
 - ii. All Philip has to do is get the message to Nathanael and he is ready to go
- e. How much hunger do you have to know Him? To seek for Him?
- f. How many of your conversations revolve around the Lord Jesus, the Bible, spiritual truth?

- 2. Meeting Jesus caused them to want to share their faith
 - a. Andrew, before even going to spend time with Jesus, goes to find his brother, Peter, and bring him to Jesus **41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art**

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- i. What did it take for Andrew to bring his brother to Jesus?
 1. He loved his brother
 2. He was excited about finding Jesus, the Messiah
 3. He simply tells Peter what has happened to him
- ii. Andrew doesn't appear to be anyone special
 1. He doesn't write a book of the Bible
 2. He doesn't preach any message mentioned in the Bible
 3. His name is only found in 12 verses in the Bible
 4. When he is mentioned 6 times it is as the brother of Peter
 5. Andrew simply told his brother about Jesus
- iii. Was it difficult to bring Peter to Jesus?
 1. Well, he had to leave what he had been looking for, deny himself and what he wanted to go get his brother
 2. The Bible uses the word find so he went looking
 3. He had to risk being mocked for saying such a bold statement, we have found the Messiah!

- iv. Sometimes we seem to have the attitude, if I can't be the big shot I don't want to be involved, thank God Andrew didn't have that attitude
- v. What sort of fruit does a man like Andrew get by having brought Peter to Jesus
- b. Philip then goes to bring someone to Jesus 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip findeth **Nathanael**, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. 46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, **Come and see.**
 - i. Philip meets Jesus and takes off to find Nathanael
 - ii. Again it appears that Nathanael had been studying and seeking 45 Philip findeth **Nathanael**, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
 - iii. Both Andrew and Philip go on purpose with a purpose because they bring them back to Jesus
 - iv. Notice that Philip says the same thing to Nathanael that Jesus had said to him **Come and see.**

- c. What lessons can we learn here
 - i. There was already a deep love relationship
 - ii. They had already been discussing spiritual matters
 - iii. The spiritual matters had been based on Bible study
 - iv. They took the big step and made the bold claim
 - v. It wasn't their responsibility to make them decide but get them to Jesus
- d. The saved ought to want to share what the Lord has done in their lives with others

3. It was Jesus who did the work **39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.**

- a. Evidently Peter was close by when Andrew went to get him
 - i. It was about 4 in the afternoon and they sit together and talk the rest of the day
 - ii. Jesus can get the message through to them
 - iii. Jesus immediately changes Peter's name from Simon-a pebble or small stone to Peter, Cephas which means a rock **42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona:**

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b. It was Jesus that showed Nathanael who He was **47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! **48** Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. **49** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, **thou art the Son of God;** thou art the King of Israel.

- i. Jesus knew him before He met him--no guile
- ii. He saw him without being there-under the fig tree
- iii. To Nathanael that was obvious that only God could do that

iv. Nathanael cries out that Jesus is the Son of God

c. Your job is to share your faith

- i. Share it boldly-do not be afraid of their unbelief
- ii. Share it kindly-you love them
- iii. Share it passionately because you know these truths first hand

- iv. Share your faith confidently because you know that Jesus will make the difference-Come and See
- v. Share your faith with those you love because you really do care about them

4. The Lord Jesus has more to offer than we can explain, expect, or even believe **51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.**

- a. Nathanael was quick to believe
- b. He hasn't seen anything yet-the book of John is going to be full of the mighty power of God at work in lives
- c. You have yet to see what God will do with you or your life-
 - i. He has big plans
 - ii. He will use you to win your loved ones to Him
 - iii. He will use you to share the gospel with others
 - iv. He will use you to get the gospel to other parts of the world
- d. Will you step forward in faith to learn more about Jesus-Come and See

- e. Will you get involved in discipleship-foundations Come and See
- f. Will you try to share your faith with your friends and your family, tell them to Come and See
- g. Will you ask God to make you hungrier for the faith?