



Senior Pastor: Kevin Flannery - Alpha Sunday: Come & See!

John 1: 35-51

³⁵ *The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.* ³⁶ *When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"*

³⁷ *When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.* ³⁸ *Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"*

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ *"Come," he replied, "and you will see."*

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ *Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.* ⁴¹

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² *And he brought him to Jesus.*

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ *The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."*

⁴⁴ *Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.* ⁴⁵ *Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote —Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."*

⁴⁶ *"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.*

"Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ *When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."*

⁴⁸ *"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.*

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ *Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."*

⁵⁰ *Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."* ⁵¹ *He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."*

I. Family Ice breaker: Questions?

➤ Can you think of a movie that wows you and you rush to tell others about it?

II. Read John 1:35-51 - together!

III. Questions & Applications for Discussion with your kids:

We are taking a break from the book of Mark. This past Sunday, 01/10, was Alpha Sunday. Sometimes we see a movie that wows us, and we rush to tell others about it. We want them to go see it for themselves so they may share the experience we had. This is what happens in John 1:35-51.

A. What do you see in verses 37 and 43 that indicates a chief characteristic for a disciple of Christ?

- Notice also that disciples of Jesus not only **follow** Jesus themselves but are enthusiastic about bringing others to Jesus.
- Look closely verses 39 and 46 where the phrase "**come and see**" is used as an invitation.



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- What is the difference between **telling** someone the truth versus **inviting** them to discover it for themselves? Can you think of any family members/friends you may want to invite to church, Sunday school, AWANA, summer camps etc.?

B. Find the titles for Jesus in verses 35–51.

Lamb of God ³⁶, Rabbi ³⁸, Messiah/Christ ⁴¹, Jesus of Nazareth—son of Joseph ⁴⁵, the Son of God—the King of Israel ⁴⁹, & Son of Man ⁵¹.

C. Pastor Kevin said that we are invited to Come and See Jesus as the Lamb of God.

- Jesus as Lamb of God in verse 36 is an allusion (an expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly) to the symbolism of the Passover Lamb. In John 1:29 what do you see as the purpose and role of the Lamb of God?
- Find Isaiah 53:7 & 10 in your bible and read it.

Scapegoating in ancient Israel meant that the priest would lay his hands on the head of the unblemished lamb transferring the guilt of the people to the animal, then the creature was released in the wilderness to proclaim the removal of guilt.

- Have you ever experienced someone being “scapegoated” unfairly?
- What is the significance of Jesus taking the role of scapegoat for the world and for you personally?

D. Pastor Kevin said that we are invited to Come and See Jesus as Messiah.

- Andrew is the first recorded private witness of Jesus. What was the first thing that Andrew did? Read verse 41. *Andrew practices what has been called relational evangelism.*
- Have you ever invited anyone to learn about Jesus... and accepted Him as his Savior?

E. We are invited to Come and See Jesus as the King of Israel.

- Re-read John 1: 44-49
- Another example of relational evangelism is Philip telling Nathanael about Jesus. Discuss Philip's response to Nathanael's question about Nazareth. Why was his response wise?

F. We are invited to Come and See Jesus as the Son of Man. Read verses 50-51.

- In the story of Jacob (also known as Israel) in the Old Testament (Genesis 28:10-22), he runs through the desert fleeing for his life and in despair goes to sleep. He dreams of a ladder with angels ascending and descending.
- Think about how Jesus is the crucial, definitive link between heaven and earth and the true and better ladder to God!

Pray for one another, especially that you will have the privilege in 2021 of influencing others to know Jesus Christ...the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the Son of God-King of Israel, the Son of Man!

Application:

- Can you think of anyone you would like to invite to know Jesus? Will you ask them?