

Gospel of John (lesson 6)

John 1:35 – 36

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!”

John knew his ministry was over and that he had fulfilled his calling with the baptism of Jesus. He told his disciples to follow Jesus.

John 1:37-39

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.

John told his disciples that Jesus was the Lamb of God. The Jews were looking for the Lion of Judah. They wanted the conquering king to overthrow the Romans and re-establish the Jewish Kingdom.

John 1:40 – 42

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 [*Cephas* (Aramaic) and *Peter* (Greek) both mean *rock*.]).

We often see in scripture that some people often get a name change that is more representative of their character. Simon to Cephas, Abram to Abraham, Saul to Paul.

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John 1:43-51

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.”

Commentaries state that Nathanael was praying under the fig tree in private. Jesus did not physically see him, but it was revealed to Jesus by the Spirit.

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.”