

(3) The First Disciples Called (John 1:35-51)

1. Following the 40 days of temptation, Jesus returned to the area where John the Baptizer was ministering.
2. Jesus Christ will receive disciples according to the will of God the Father (Jn. 3:27; 5:30).
 - a. Given as a gift from the Father (Jn. 17:6,9-12).
 - b. Prophetically revealed (Jn. 1:48 cf. 1st Sam. 9:15-17; 10:2-6).
3. Jesus' first two disciples will come to Him from John's ministry (Jn. 1:35).
 - a. Andrew is specifically named (Jn. 1:40). Ἀνδρέας Andreas ^{#406}_{13x}: *manly*.
 - b. The other is understood to be the Apostle John, who remains anonymous throughout his gospel. Ἰωάννης Iōannēs ^{#2491}_{135x}: *grace of God, gift of God*. Fr. Heb. יְוָחָנָן yowchanan ^{#3110}_{24x}: *Jehovah has graced*.
4. The Lord questioned these two men as to their motivation (Jn. 1:38a). Τί ζητεῖτε; What are you seeking?
 - a. Jesus needed to be cautious regarding those who would attach themselves to Him (Jn. 2:23-25).
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5. Andrew & John gave an answer that indicated their positive volition (Jn. 1:38b).
 - a. They addressed Him as teacher.
 - 1) Rabbi. ῥαββί rhabbi ^{#4461} of Heb. origin. רַב rab ^{#7227} *lord, master*. רַבִּי *my lord*. Properly a form of address, and so throughout our lit., then an honorary title for outstanding teachers of the law: *master, sir, rabbi* (Matt. 23:7,8).
 - 2) Teacher. διδάσκαλος didaskalos ^{#1320}_{59x} *teacher*.
 - b. They desired more time to investigate His credentials.
6. Andrew & John spent the remainder of that day with Jesus, and became convinced of His being the Christ (Jn. 1:39,41).
 - a. Messiah. Μεσσίας Messias ^{#3323}_{2x} of Heb. origin מָשִׁיחַ mashiy^ach ^{#4899}_{39x}: *anointed one*.
 - b. Christ. Χριστός Christos ^{#5547}_{529x}: *anointed one*.
7. Each went to find their brother (Jn. 1:41). Andrew's finding of Peter is mentioned, but John's finding of James is only inferred. Ἰάκωβος Iakōbos ^{#2385}: *supplanter, Jacob*. fr. Heb. יַעֲקֹב ya^aqob ^{#3290}_{349x}: *supplanter*.
8. Andrew's brother, Simon is supplied a new name by Jesus Christ.
 - a. Cephas. Κηφᾶς Kēphas ^{#2786}_{9x} of Aram. origin. כֵּיפָא keypha^a ^{#3710}: *rock, stone*.
 - b. Peter. Πέτρος Petros ^{#4074}_{155x}: *rock, stone*.
9. Jesus will gather two more disciples prior to departing for Galilee (Jn. 1:43-51).
 - a. Philip. Φίλιππος Philippos ^{#5376}_{36x}: *lover of horses*.
 - b. Nathanael. Ναθαναήλ Nathanaēl ^{#3482}_{6x}: *gift of God*. of Heb. origin נֹתְנָאֵל nethan'el ^{#5417}: *given of God*. Found only in John (1:45,46,47,48,49; 21:2). Usually identified with Bartholomew in the synoptic gospels.
10. Nathanael's response indicates the messianic expectations that faithful believers had at that time (Jn. 1:49; Ps. 2:6,7,12).
 - a. The Son of God.
 - b. The King of Israel.