

# *The Journey... Walk as Jesus Walked*

## **Part 9 – The First Disciples**

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### **I. Context**

#### A. The Temptation(s) of Jesus (cf. 1 John 2:16)

- *Lust of the flesh* (bread)
- *Lust of the eyes* (kingdoms of the world)
- *Pride of life* (temple jump)

#### B. The Testimony of John the Baptist Concerning Himself (John 1:19-28)

- Regarding His Identity (*I am the voice...*)
- Regarding His Ministry (*I baptize with water...*)

#### C. The Testimony of John the Baptist Concerning Jesus (John 1:28-34)

- Jesus is *the Lamb of God* (cf. Gen. 22, Is. 53)
- Jesus is *the Son of God*

## II. The Call of the First Disciples (John 1:35-42)

- A. They **followed** Jesus (vs. 37)
- B. They **stayed** with him that day (vs. 39)
- C. We have **found** the Messiah (vs. 41)
- D. He **brought** him to Jesus (vs. 42)
- E. You **shall be called Peter** (vs. 42)

## III. The Call of Philip and Nathaniel (John 1:43-51)

- A. He **found** Philip and said to him "**Follow me.**" (vs. 43)
- B. Philip **found** Nathaniel... (vs. 45)
- C. Philip said to him "**Come and see.**" (vs. 46)
- D. Nathaniel answered him "**Rabbi**, you are **the Son of God!** You are **the King of Israel.**" (vs. 49)

## IV. The Implications for Discipleship

- A. A disciple of Jesus is first and foremost one who shifts his **allegiance** to Jesus and submits to His **authority**.
- B. Discipleship begins with **information** but is meant to result in **transformation**, involving both our **calling** and our **character**.
- C. Discipleship is **knowing** who Jesus is, **following** Jesus and **staying** with Jesus.
- D. Discipleship involves both:
- **Knowledge** and **obedience**
  - **Mind** and **heart**

Cf. The Great Commandment (Mark 12:30)

## **Questions for Discussion:**

1. Relate your call to follow Jesus.
2. What is one of your favorite names for Jesus?
3. Who can you pray for to "*Come and See*" Jesus?
4. What are some ways we can invite people to "investigate" who Jesus is?

**Challenge:** *Read one of the Gospels between now and Easter.*