

Jesus Meets His First Disciples

No COOKIE CUTTER CHRISTIANS

John 1: 35-36 Again the next day John {the Baptist} was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, ~~"What do you seek?"~~ **"What are you seeking?"** They said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?"

39 He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour {*i.e.*, 10 am}.

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 ~~He found first his own brother-~~ **He was the first to find** his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Philippians 2:5 - 7 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He ~~existed-~~ **subsisted** in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing ~~to be grasped-~~ **to cling to**, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

John 1: 43 - 45 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, ~~and-~~ **but** He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote -- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, ~~an Israelite indeed~~ **a true Israelite**, in whom there is ~~no deceit~~ **no guile!**"

48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, ~~do you believe?~~ **you are believing.** You will see greater things than these."

51 And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Genesis 28: 11 He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place.

12 He had a dream, and behold, a ~~ladder~~ **staircase** was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 And behold, the LORD stood ~~above it~~ **beside him** and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.

17 He was ~~afraid~~ **awestruck** and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you ~~excel still~~ **abound even** more.