



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 1:38-51 (NAS)

Topic: "Jesus Acquiring Disciples"

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- 38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and *said to them, "What do you seek?" 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.
- 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 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).
- 43 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He *found Philip. And Jesus *said to him, "Follow Me."
- 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.
- 45 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, in whom there is no deceit!"
- 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 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."

I. PURPOSE OF THE LETTER *John 20:31*

- A. We Might Know Who Jesus Is
- B. Believe And Have Life

II. THE FIRST WITNESS

- A. Preached The Wrath Of God
- B. Repentance Was Needed
- C. The Lamb To Bear Their Sin

III. THE FIRST GROUP OF FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

- A. Not Extraordinary Or Exceptional In Nature (fishermen) *II Corinthians 11:30; 12:9; I Corinthians 1:26-29*
- B. Not Men Associated With The Religious Establishment
- C. They Had An Amazing Testimony *vss. 41, 45, 49*

IV. THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

- A. Advances Through Ordinary People
- B. One Person At A Time

V. RESPONSE OF THE FIRST NAMED DISCIPLE

- A. He Followed Jesus
- B. He Recognized Jesus As The Messiah
- C. He Went And Told His Brother
- D. He Brought His Brother To Where He Could Get To Know Jesus

VI. THE SECOND GROUP OF FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

- A. Jesus Called Philip To Follow Him *Matthew 16:24*
- B. Philip Went And Told Nathanael, "Come And See"
- C. Jesus' Omniscience Revealed In Knowing Nathanael
- D. Jesus Told Nathanael He Would See Far Greater Things *Genesis 28*