

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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John 1:35-51

## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. John the Baptizer was not \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20). But he was \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23). What is the significance of this?
2. How, primarily, did John identify Jesus (vv. 29, 36)? What is the significance of this? How did this challenge their worldview?
3. What must someone who is interested in checking out Jesus clarify (v. 38)? What are some different motivations people have in regard to Jesus?
4. What is significant about the statement: “He [i.e., Andrew] brought him [i.e., Simon] to Jesus” (v. 42)?
5. What might be suggested by the statement: “and He [i.e., Jesus] found Philip” (v. 43; compare it to vv. 41 & 45).
6. What reactions did Andrew & Philip exhibit upon their encounters with Jesus? How were their reactions similar? How were they different? What was similar or different about their testimonies?
7. What was Nathanael’s reaction when hearing about Jesus (v. 46)? How do people respond when faced with the prospect of Jesus? What was the turning point for Nathanael?

8. Jesus dealt with five different individuals in the text (four named; one unnamed). Reflect on (and discuss) how Jesus handled each one. What is significant about each?
- Andrew and the unnamed disciple (John?) (vv. 38-39)
  - Simon (v. 42)
  - Philip (v. 43)
  - Nathanael (vv. 47-51)
9. There are several titles or descriptions used to identify Jesus of Nazareth throughout chapter 1. Identify the meaning or significance of each one. Why is it personally important to you?
- The Word (1:1,14)
  - The (true) Light (1:4-9)
  - The only begotten from the Father (1:14,18)
  - The Lamb of God (1:29,36)
  - The Son of God (1:34,49)
  - Rabbi (1:38,49)
  - The Messiah/Christ (17,41)
  - The King of Israel (1:49)
  - The Son of Man (1:51)

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. In a courtroom, testimony often comes down to the credibility of the witness. Satan will constantly attack *my* credibility. But as I've seen, a witness (for Christ) isn't in the business of promoting him/herself. It isn't about me. It's all about Jesus. I will promote Jesus, or the cause of Christ, this week by . . .
2. The most significant thing I learned (or learned about Jesus) in this chapter is . . .
3. This will influence how I live this week by . . .