

Finding Christ

John 1:19-51

Key Verse: 1:34

1. Read verses 19-22. Where was John and what was he doing? (28) Who came to question John? Where did they come from? Who did they think he might be? What did he confess freely to them? What questions did they ask him? What three negative answers did he give? Why did he answer like this?
2. Read verse 23. What did John finally say about himself? What was his mission? What does it mean that he identifies himself with the quotation of Isaiah? Read verses 24-28. What else did those who were sent ask? What was John's answer to them? How did he seek to point them to Jesus? (Read verse 31. Why did John baptize?) What can we learn from this man of mission?
3. Read verse 29. The next day, when John saw Jesus, how did he introduce him? What does this mean? (See Ex 29:38; 12:3,7,13; 1Co 5:7; Heb 9:14) How does Jesus take away the sin of the world? Read verses 30-34. How did John come to recognize Jesus and become the first witness? (32,33) Summarize John's testimony about Jesus. (29,30,33,34)
4. Read verses 35-39. Why did two disciples of John follow Jesus? What do you think they were looking for? When Jesus saw them following, what did he say to them? What might he have meant? How did they answer? Why did they want to know his address? (How were they different from the men who came to John in 1:19,22?) What was Jesus' invitation? What kind of relationship did Jesus want to make with them?
5. Read verses 40-42. How long did they stay with Jesus? What conclusion did they reach about Jesus? (41) What does this tell us about them? What was the first thing Andrew did? Why? Why is this important? (Ro 10:9,10) Who was Andrew's brother? What new name did Jesus give him? Why? What did this mean? Who might the "other disciple" be?
6. Read verses 43-51. (Notice the progression of "the next day.") Where did Jesus decide to go? Who did he invite to go with him? What did Philip have in common with Andrew and Peter? What conclusion did Philip reach about Jesus? On what basis? How was it similar to that of Andrew?
7. Who did Philip find? Where was he from? (21:2) What was his reaction to Philip's words? (46) How did Philip deal with his doubt? (46b) What did Jesus know about Nathanael's character? What else did Jesus know about Nathanael? What confession about Jesus did Nathanael make? Why was Nathanael so moved by Jesus? (47-49)
8. What did Jesus say about Nathanael's faith? What promise did Jesus make? What does this mean? Why must Nathanael grow? What do these two events teach about belief? About the importance of an invitation to "Come and see"?