

**“COME AND SEE”**  
**John 1:35-42**  
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INTRODUCTION

John had done his job. He had seen, identified, and borne witness to Jesus as the Lamb of God, the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29-34). Now Jesus must increase, and John the Baptist must decrease.

But, Jesus must now gain followers. What better source for followers than the previous followers of John the Baptist. John once again demonstrates his true greatness by not anxiously clinging to his own followers. He recommends his followers to Jesus.

This is in some ways the beginnings of Christianity. Once Jesus has obtained some followers, His followers have a responsibility to introduce others to the Messiah—the Christ. Such is ever the divine order for our lives: **first followers; then evangelists.**

**Once you have become a follower of Jesus Christ, you must then become an evangelist for Him.**

I. GO AND FOLLOW (1:35-37)

A. The Standing (35)

1. John—the faithful messenger
2. Two of his disciples—learners

These men were “hard won” converts to John’s preaching. His message was not an easy one to accept and endorse.

B. The Staring (36)

1. A thoughtful and interested gaze
2. A walking deliverer

C. The Speaking (36) (“Behold the Lamb of God”—Cf. v. 29)

D. The Hearing (37) [This hearing was not accidental; John intended them to hear.]

**If we train our disciples well, they will follow Jesus—not us!**

E. The Following (37)

This was a *life-changing departure* for these men. Things would never again be the same.

[How does this “calling” compare with the one at the Sea of Galilee described in the Synoptic Gospels?]

Note here that Jesus never directly called these men. Also note that John never directly sent them after Jesus.

**Are you following Jesus? Are you truly His Disciple?**

## II. COME AND SEE—JESUS’S INVITATION (38-39)

- A. The Insight (Jesus sees more than two people walking)
- B. The Question: “What do you seek?” (Not, whom do you seek)
- C. The Answer: “Where are you staying?” (We have more to talk about than a mere casual conversation can satisfy.)  
*Rabbi= “My great one”—Became simply “teacher”*
- D. The Invitation: “Come and you will see.” [They came and saw!]
- E. The Visit—Stayed the rest of the day [10<sup>th</sup> hour]

## III. COME AND SEE—ANDREW’S INVITATION (40-42)

- A. The First Disciple—Andrew (Simon Peter’s brother) (40)
- B. The *First* “Soul Winner” (41-42a)
  - 1. Finds his brother—Simon  
May imply that *another* was found (likely by John—his brother James)
  - 2. Identifies Jesus as Messiah (Christ)  
*Why then so much later confusion about who He was?*
  - 3. Brings Simon to Jesus

**A great act of service to the church—Not much else known about Andrew. Yet, this act may perhaps be the best gift the Church has ever received.**

Compare 6:8—the boy with his lunch brought to Jesus  
Compare 12:22—the Greeks introduced to Jesus

*Can you at least be like Andrew?*

- C. The First Leader of the Disciples (42)  
Named him *Cephas*—i.e. Peter

Jesus, the Second Adam, names those brought to Him.

The One who gives the name has the authority. Simon is now **Jesus’ man—and a different man.** The Lord would dramatically change him.

## CONCLUSION

“Seek and you shall find.” In this case, really, Jesus was seeking them! And, He “found” them. But, how excited they were to tell others about Jesus!

Gradually, the disciples discontinued calling Jesus “Rabbi”, and began calling Him “Lord.”  
**Follow Jesus. Introduce others to Him.** That’s what it is all about. That is why we have been called to Him.