## "Come And See" John 1:35-42

## Introduction:

- Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles:
  - To John 1 Where:
    - The Writer Of This Gospel:
      - After Finishing Up His Prologue:
        - In 1:18!
  - He Now Is Taking Us Step-By-Step:
    - Through The First Full Week:
      - Of The Public Ministry:
        - Of Jesus Christ!
- 2. The First Day:
  - Was A Day Of Deliberation:
    - In 1:19-28 When Some Jewish Religious Leaders:
      - Asked John The Baptist:
        - "Who Art Thou?"
    - And What Authority Did He Have:
      - To Say What He Was Saying And:
        - To Do What He Was Doing!
    - But John Simply Described Himself:
      - As "A Voice Of One Crying In The Wilderness, Make Straight The Way Of The Lord!"
- 3. The Second Day:
  - Was A Day Of Direction:
    - In 1:29-34 When Jesus Came To John:
      - After He Had Already Been Baptized And:
        - After He Had Already Been:
          - Tempted By The Devil:
            - In The Wilderness!
    - But This Was The Day:
      - When John Was Moved By The Lord:
        - To Direct The Attention Of Everyone Around Him:
          - To "Behold" Jesus As "The Lamb Of God, Which Taketh Away The Sin Of The World!" (1:29)
  - And The Witness Of John The Baptist:
    - About Jesus Must Have Caused:
      - Quite A Stir!
    - And Probably Got Many People:
      - Including Some Of John's Own Followers:
        - Thinking About Who This Jesus Must Be!
- 4. Well When We Come To The Third Day:
  - Which We Will Explore This Morning:
    - In 1:35-42- We Find That:
      - It Was A Day Of Decision!
    - When A Few Of John's Followers:
      - Not Only *Heard*:
        - John's Message About Jesus!
      - But Believed:
        - His Message:
          - And Turned & "Followed Jesus!"
  - Let's Read These Verses Together!
    - 1:35-42 "Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; / And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! / And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. / Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? / He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. / One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. / He first findeth

his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. / And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone!"

- 5. From What We Just Read:
  - John The Baptist:
    - Had Prepared These Two Men Well:
      - Who Then "Decided To Follow Jesus!"
        - And Clearly God Himself:
          - Had Prepared The Soils Of Their Hearts:
            - To Receive The Message That Jesus Is "The Lamb Of God!"

- And I Believe:
  - Through These Verses:
    - We Can Learn Not Only:
      - What It *Means*:
        - To Follow Jesus!
  - But Also What It *Takes*:
    - To Follow Jesus:
      - When You Believe In Him & The Truth About Him!
- 6. And This Is Relevant For Us Today:
  - Because All Too Often:
    - We Forget What It Means:
      - To Be A Follower Of Jesus Christ!
  - To Follow Jesus:
    - Of Course Begins With:
      - Faith & Belief In Christ!
    - But It Is A:
      - Decisive Faith & A Decisive Belief That:
        - God Intends To:
          - Transform Your Life!
  - So What Does It Mean And:
    - What Does It Take:
      - To Follow Jesus?
- \* First It Will Take:
- 1. A Commitment To Christ!
  - Even A Decisive Commitment To Christ:
    - Which Is What We Find In The Lives Of:
      - These Two Followers:
        - Of John The Baptist!
      - In 1:35-37 "Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; / And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! / And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus!"
    - The Commitment Of These Two Men:
      - To Follow Jesus:
        - Was Based On The Powerful Witness:
          - Of John The Baptist:
            - About Jesus!
    - The Previous Day:
      - John Pointed To Jesus And:
        - With:
  - A Public Proclamation:
    - Declared That He Was:
      - "The Lamb Of God, Which Taketh Away The Sin Of The World!"
    - And More Than Likely These Two Men:
      - Were In The Crowd:
        - And Heard And Listened To:
          - The Message Of John!
    - All Throughout That Day & Night:

- They Probably Pondered:
  - Just What John Meant With Those Words!
- Not Just About:
  - His Nature As:
    - The Lamb Of God!
- But Especially About:
  - Their Need:
    - To Have Their Sins Taken Away!
- And So When The Next Day Came:
  - They Went To John Again:
    - To Talk With Him About His Message!
      - IE: Which Is A Good Practice!
- But This Time:
  - As John Was With These Two Men:
    - He Saw Jesus Again:
      - And Made:
- A Private Proclamation:
  - To Those Disciples With The Same Message!
    - "Behold!"
      - Look, Men! Look, My Followers & Friends!
    - "That One Is The Lamb Of God!"
  - And So They **Did** Look!
    - And Along With That Look:
      - They Believed What John Said:
        - About Him!
  - And Even Though:
    - At That Point:
      - They Had Still Much To Learn:
        - About Jesus!
    - They Made A Decisive Commitment:
      - To Take Action:
        - On What They Had Learned From John!
- And So They "Followed Jesus!"
  - This Is Still What It Means:
    - And -This Is Still What It Takes:
      - To Follow Jesus!
  - A Decisive Faith In And:
    - Commitment To:
      - Jesus Christ! Both:
        - Who He Is & What He Came To Do!
- Now This Doesn't Mean That:
  - You Know Everything There Is To Know About Jesus:
    - At First But You Do Know:
      - That In Christ:
        - You Can Find Forgiveness For Your Sin & Rest For Your Soul!
  - And So Commit Yourself:
    - To Him Come What May!
      - But Then:
- \* Second To Follow Jesus It Will Also Take:
- 2. A Communion With Christ!
  - Which Is What We Find:
    - In 1:38-39 "Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? / He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour!"
      - The Questions In Verse 38:
        - Have Puzzled Many!

- But I Believe What We Find Here Is:
  - That The Two Men Who Followed Jesus:
    - Had So Many Questions:
      - In Their Own Minds & Hearts:
        - That They Just Hoped Jesus Could Help Answer Them!
- And This Was The Start Of:
  - A Special Communion With Christ:
    - That Grew Deeper Than They Would Have Ever Thought Possible!
  - And This Communion:
    - All Started With & Was Based On:
      - The Gracious Welcome Of Christ!
- Because The Question Jesus Asked:
  - Though Brief Was:
- With A Very Penetrating Word!
  - "What Seek Ye?" He Asked!
    - Not Just "Why Are You Following Me?"
      - **IE:** Like A Couple Of Stalkers!
    - But "What Are You Looking For?"
      - And "What Do You Think You'll Find By Following Me?"
  - These Two Men:
    - Probably Had Been Thinking About:
      - This Same Question In Their Own Hearts:
        - For Some Time!
  - After All:
    - They Had Left Their Homes & Jobs:
      - In Galilee Just To Hear John The Baptist:
        - Preach "Repent Ye, For The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand!"
  - Their Hearts Were Already Full:
    - Of This Searching, Penetrating Question!
      - "What Are We Seeking?"
        - In Our Minds / Hearts / Souls!
          - What Is Our Purpose? What Is Our Future?
  - So They Didn't Quite Know:
    - How To Answer Jesus' Question!
      - So Instead They Ask Him:
        - "Where Dwellest Thou?"
    - Maybe *He* Could Help Them:
      - With What They Were Seeking & Searching For!
  - And This Led To Christ Answering Their Questioni:
- With A Very Patient Word:
  - That Continues To Echo Down:
    - Even Through Today!
      - 1:39 "Come And See!"
  - This Was A Personal Invitation:
    - From Jesus:
      - So That Not Only:
        - Would They See Where He Was Staying:
          - For Future Reference!
    - But That He *Would* Help Them:
      - With What They Needed Most!
  - So 1:39 They Accepted The Invitation Of Jesus:
    - And "They Came And Saw Where He Dwelt!"
      - Now We're Not Told Much About:
        - Where Jesus Was Staying!
      - Because At That Point:
        - The Place Didn't Matter!
          - The Person Did!
    - Note The Next Words:

- 1:39 "And Abode With Him That Day!"
  - And What A Day That Must Have Been!
- To Listen To & Learn From:
  - Jesus The Lamb Of God:
    - Which Taketh Away The Sin Of The World!
- At First They Didn't Know What They Would Find:
  - When They "Came & Saw" Where Jesus:
    - Was "Dwelling" In That Wilderness:
      - Beyond The Jordan River!
- But When They Got There:
  - They Were Content:
    - To Remain With Him:
      - Even Though It Was Getting Late!
    - "About The Tenth Hour!"
      - Probably Around 4pm!
- They Were Content:
  - To Be With Jesus And:
    - Jesus Was Content:
      - To Be With Him!
- And This Too:
  - Is What It Means & What It Takes:
    - To Follow Jesus!
  - A Personal Desire:
    - For Close, Personal Communion & Fellowship:
      - With Jesus Christ!
  - When There Is Not:
    - This Kind Of Communion & Fellowship:
      - It's Not Because Of Jesus!
    - When These Men Started Following Him:
      - Jesus Urged Them To:
        - Keep Coming! Keep Following!
  - And So He Does With You!
    - He Asks "Will You Also Go Away?"
      - Don't Turn Back!
        - Because He Alone:
          - Has "The Words Of Eternal Life!" (John 6:67-68)
    - He Says Don't Get Weary!
      - "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not!" (Galatians 6:9)
    - He Says Don't Become Disillusioned!
      - "Come And See!"
        - And "Keep Coming And You Will See More Than You Could Ever Imagine!"
- This Is What It Means & This Is What It Takes:
  - To Follow Jesus!
    - A Decisive Commitment To Jesus! And:
    - A Devoted Communion With Jesus!
- \* And Third To Follow Jesus Also Means:
- 3. A Commission From Christ!
  - Which Is What We Find Next:
    - In 1:40-42a When We Learn The Name:
      - Of One Of These New Followers Of Jesus!
        - "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. / He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. / And he brought him to Jesus!"
    - So After Spending Some Time With Jesus:
      - Andrew Went Out To:

- Find His Brother & Bring His Brother:
  - To Jesus!
- And It Was All Based On:
  - The Words Of Christ:
    - That He Heard When He Was With Him!
- And This Really Should Be:
  - The Most Natural Response:
    - When You Have Fellowship With:
      - Jesus Christ And:
        - You Hear His Word!
  - Because Like Andrew:
    - Your Desire Should Be To Share Your Personal:
- Conviction About Christ!
  - Even As He Told His Brother, Simon, In 1:41:
    - "We Have Found The Messias!"
      - The Anointed One!
        - The "Christ" In Greek As The Author Explains To Us!
    - Apparently This Is What:
      - They Had Been Seeking For:
        - All Along!
  - In Spite Of Being Men Of Great Strength:
    - As Fishermen Both Andrew & Simon:
      - Were Also Men:
        - Of Great Sensitivity:
          - To The Gospel Of The Kingdom!
    - And After Hearing:
      - The Witness Of John The Baptist!
    - And After Receiving:
      - The Welcome Of Jesus Himself!
    - Andrew Was Convinced:
      - That Jesus Is The Christ:
        - The Son Of God!
  - And Andrew Found His Brother:
    - To Tell Him About Jesus!
      - But He Was Not The Only One!
        - When In 1:41 We Are Told:
          - He "First" Findeth His Brother!
    - Probably A Better Way Of Looking At This:
      - Is Not It Was The "First" Thing He Did!
    - But He Was Only The "First" One:
      - To Find Someone Close To Him:
        - To Tell Them About Jesus!
  - The Other Man Did Too!
    - Many Believe That The Other Man:
      - Was John The Son Of Zebedee:
        - Who Wrote These Very Words!
  - And As We See All Throughout This Book:
    - He Never Mentions Himself By Name:
      - Even Though He Is Intimately Familiar:
        - With The Details Of The Events:
          - He Wrote About!
    - So After Andrew:
      - Found Simon:
        - To Tell Him About Jesus!
    - More Than Likely John Too:
      - Found His Brother, James:
        - To Tell Him About Jesus!
  - Because They Both:

- Had Found Him!
  - "Whom Their Souls So Long Had Craved!"
- But Then What Did They Do?
  - They Didn't Just:
    - Find Their Brothers & Tell Them About Jesus:
  - Then They 1:42:
    - "Brought" Them To Jesus!
- And Andrew Did This Because:
  - He Knew & Experienced First Hand, The:
- Care Of Christ!
  - 1:42 Andrew "Led" His Brother To Jesus!
  - This May Have Even Been:
    - In Andrew's Mind:
      - From The Beginning!
    - When He Asked Jesus:
      - 1:38 "Where Dwellest Thou?"
  - He Didn't Want To Meet Jesus:
    - And Just Keep It To Himself!
      - He Wanted To Bring:
        - Those Closest To Him:
          - To Christ!

- And This Too:
  - Is What It Means & What It Takes:
    - To Follow Jesus!
  - A Personal Determination:
    - To Respond To Christ's Commission!
  - To Find Others:
    - As He Found You!
  - To Tell Others:
    - As Others Have Told You! And:
  - To Lead Others:
    - To Jesus Even As Someone:
      - Once Led You To Christ!
  - Because In Jesus' Own Words:
    - "Him That cometh To Me I Will In No Wise Cast Out!" (John 6:37)
- This Is What Jesus Has Called & Commissioned:
  - All Of Us To Do!
    - To Share The Word Of Christ:
      - With Others!
  - The Word Of The Gospel!
    - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 "How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; / And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures!"
  - The Word Of Grace!
    - Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord1"
  - Are You Determined:
    - As Andrew & John Were Determined:
      - To Bring Someone & Lead Someone:
        - To Jesus?
    - Just Think Of What Jesus Can Do:
      - For & With That Person!
        - Even As He Did With Simon, Andrew's Brother!
  - F. F. Bruce "Noone Can Foresee, When He Brings A Man Or Woman To Jesus, What Jesus Will Make Of That Person!"
    - But Jesus Does!
      - Even As "Jesus Himself Saw What He Could Make Of Andrews Brother!"
        - Which Leads Us To:

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* The Fourth Thing It Means & It Takes - To Follow Jesus - And That Is:
        A Change By Christ!
        - A Change That Is Based On:
                - The Work Of Jesus Christ:
                         - In A Person's Heart & Life!
                                  - Like The Change Predicted By Jesus:
                                          - That Would Take Place In The Life Of Simon, Andrew's Brother!
                 - 1:42b - "And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called
                 Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone!"
                         - When Simon Came To Jesus:
                                  - It Didn't Take Jesus By Surprise!
                - He Immediately Identified Him:
                         - "Thou Art Simon The Son Of Jona!"
                                  - "Simon" - A Man Known For His:
                                          - Unstable & Impetuous Nature!
                                                   - This Is Who He Was!
                         - Remember - He Was The One - Later:
                                  - Who Would Ask Jesus:
                                          - If He Could Walk On The Water:
                                                   - Of The Sea Of Galilee:
                                                            - With Him!
                         - He Was Also The One:
                                  - Who - When Jesus Offered To Wash:
                                          - His Feet - First Said - No!
                                                   - Then Said - All Of Me!
                         - Simon Was Also The One:
                                  - When He Saw Jesus On The Seashore:
                                          - Threw Himself Overboard:
                                                   - To Get To Him As Fast As He Could!
                                  - And - Jesus Already Knew:
                                          - All Of This About Him!
                - But Coming To Jesus:
                         - Would Change Him Completely!
                                  - And - From The Inside Out!
                 - Jesus Would Change Him:
        - In His Character!
                 - When Jesus Said:
                         - "Thou Shalt Be Called Cephas!"
                                  - It Was More Than Just A Prediction:
                                          - Of A Name Change - But A Complete Change & Renovation:
                                                   - Of His Character!
                - Unstable & Impetuous Peter:
                         - Would Be Known As:
                                  - A Rock! Because Of:
                                          - A Strength & Stability:
                                                   - Not Of His Own!
                - But - Not Only Would Jesus Change Simon Peter:
                         - In Character - But Also:
        - In His Calling!
                 - Because - He Would Be Called "Cephas" - "Stone!"
                         - Not Because Of The Physical Strength:
                                  - He Possessed:
                                          - In His Occupation:
                                                   - As A Fisherman!
                - But - Because Of The Spiritual Strength:
                         - He Would Receive - Which He Would Need:
                                  - In His New Calling
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- As A Fisher Of Men!

- And This Too:
  - Is What It Means & What It Takes:
    - To Follow Jesus!
  - A Personal Dependance:
    - And Trust In:
      - The Change That Christ:
        - Continues To Make:
          - In Your Heart & Life!
  - Depend On The Truths:
    - That Jesus Knows You:
      - Best Even Better Than:
        - You Know Yourself!
    - And Jesus Knows:
      - What's Best:
        - For You!
  - And That's Why:
    - You Can Be "Confident Of This Very Thing, That He Which Hath Begun A Good Work In You Will Perform It Until The Day Of Jesus Christ!" (Philippians 1:6)

## **Conclusion:**

- 1. This Is What It Means:
  - To Believe In Jesus:
    - And To Follow Jesus:
      - As These Men Did!
  - And This Is What:
    - It Will & Should Look Like:
      - In Your Own Life!
    - There Will Be An Ongoing:
      - Commitment To Christ!
      - Communion With Christ!
      - Calling From Christ! And:
      - Change By Christ!
- 2. Do You See This:
  - In Your Own Walk With The Lord?
    - When Andrew & John:
      - First Followed Jesus:
        - They Had No Idea:
          - Where He Would Take Them!
  - But They Knew:
    - That As Long As:
      - They Could Abide With Him And:
        - He Would Abide With Them:
          - No Matter Where He Led Them:
            - They Would Be Content!

- 3. And You Can Be Too!
  - When You Just Respond To:
    - His Invitation On A Daily Basis To:
      - "Come And See!"

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