

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 1:35-46

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ”

THE THEME OF BOOK:

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Jesus - The Word of God

Summation Sentence

THIS WEEK MCDONALD’S

Became the first “Speed Pass” / fast food Drive Thru / “restaurant”

1. First It Was Drive Up – A&W
2. Then it was Drive Thru
3. Now it’s Non-Stop

JUST THROW IT IN MY CAR AS I PASS BY – WHAT AN ARM!!!

Next it’s Going to be E-mail / I.V.!!!

You Can’t Rush the Work of God When It Comes to Creating Followers of His

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

IT TAKES TIME

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

IT TAKES TIME

Because eternity is at stake –
God does it right

Acts 17:24-28

"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 "for in Him we live and move and have our being,

Doing it right meant God would come down

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Matthew 4:16-17

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Isn't it a wild and strange thing that we are gathered here today because a carpenter started a project 2,000 years ago to redeem all those who'll listen to His message...

Last Week

John 1:29

John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

That Verse Implies Several Things *We have sin that's resident*

We're In Need

John 1:12

For as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

1. But What Does Believing in Jesus Mean?

2. How such a Thing Happen?

Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ

1.) Requires that you **Examine** Jesus Christ vv. 35-37

Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. **36** And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

a.) Examine **What it is about Him** **v.35-36**

Again, the next day, John **stood** with two of his disciples.
36 And **looking** at Jesus as He walked, he said,
"Behold the Lamb of God!"

This Was Now The Second Time in Two Days That John Had Announced This Glorious Fact

John 1:29

(being Jewish that took their mind back to a bloody night in Egypt)

The Passover Lamb

And so They **Stood** and They **Looked**

This Time John Says Watch the Lamb Walk
looking at Jesus as He **walked**

Verse 35

Stood GRK 2476 histemi (his'-tay-mee);
They were continuing, to be held up in a good way

Verse 36

Looking 1689 emblepo (em-blep'-o);
to observe in a fixed manner - absolutely) gaze at

**“Whatever John Had Said to Them
Caused Them to See Jesus”**

When You're Standing Still – You're Not Running!
When You're Looking – You're Not Zoning! - *dudes*

Give Me a Drive Through Jesus!!!

“They Saw a Contrast In Jesus”

Psalm 50:22-23

Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. 23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ

b.) Examination Should **Lead you to Action**

v.37b

The two disciples **heard** him speak,
and they **followed** Jesus.

There is a “Quadratic Act”
Taking Place Here **THAT’S ESSENTIAL TO**
Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ

#1

They **Stood**

#2

They Stood **Looking**

#3

They Stood Looking and **Heard**

#4

They Stood Looking and Hearing, - They **Followed!**

**This is the “Highway” to Coming to Christ
and Becoming a Christian**

The Invitation Here is Clear

#1

To Examine *Where You Are in Relation to Jesus Christ*

#2

To Examine *the Evidence of Who He is - **Look** at Him... “For Crying Out Loud”*

#3

To Examine *What was and is Being **Said** of Him Then and Now*

#4

To Examine *What or Who am I **Following?***

John Bunyan

Had been studying about God and Evangelizing People About God.
But One day John Bunyan Overheard a Conversion of Two Woman Talking About How
Much They Loved this Man....

The Man was Jesus Christ and Bunyan Had Never Known Christ Like That Before

Isaiah 1:18-20

18 "Come now, let us **reason** together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; 20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

God's Desire is That We Be Changed From What We Are...

Because Spiritually We're Nomads

We're Lost - Without a Map

Because Spiritually We're Hungry

We're in Dire Need of Love

Because Spiritually We're Gamblers

We're in Great Peril of Spiritual Danger

Because Spiritually We're Pretenders

We're Blinded by this world's Illusions

TURN TO...

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ

c.) Examination **Results in Expectations**

v. 37c

and they **followed** Jesus

THEY HAD MADE UP THEIR MINDS – A DECISION WAS MADE

Followed grk 190 akoloutheo (ak-loo-theia'-o);

To get on this road. To be on the same highway or to be in the same company of travelers. To follow the path of Another, reaching toward the One who's being Followed!

Have You Noticed That When You're Following Jesus He'll Take You to Places to Meet People

Luke 18:29-30

"Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 "who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come everlasting life."

Philippians 3:7-8

But all these things that I once thought very worthwhile-- now I've thrown them all away so that I can put my trust and hope in Christ alone. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have put aside all else, counting it worth less than nothing, in order that I can have Christ,

“Does the World See a Contrast in Me?”

Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ

2.) Asks of You to **Delight** in Jesus Christ

vv. 38-39

38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" 39 He said to them, "**Come and see.**" They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

a.) You're **Hope will be Recognized**

v.38

Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them,
"What do you seek?"

“Now Get Use To This Evangelistic Tactic of Jesus”

- Not a “Nice that You Could Follow”
- Not a “Welcome Aboard Boys”
- Not Even a

“What Would You Like to Have in a Church”

Not Even “Who” do you seek”

But – “WHAT”

Two Questions are Asked
One By Jesus - - One by these Men

Verse 38

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The Answer to Both Questions is the Same...
Come and See – I'll Show You!

Jesus is Examining Their Thoughts Now

He's Preparing Them
for an Upcoming Conversation

see **"What do you seek?"**

There are people who try Jesus for a while to see what they can get out of Him
Maybe It's a Political Office / Maybe It's Earthly Power or Position

Verse 39

And They came and saw where He was staying,
and remained with Him that day
(now it was about the tenth hour roman time / 4 pm Jewish time).

We Know Little About Verses 38 & 39

BUT VOLUMES HAD TO BE REVEALED IN THEIR SILENCE

I Want to Know What Happened in the Silence Of Verse 39

What Ever Did Happen,
It Led to Verses 40-41

(Now that's profound expositional teaching at it's best - free of change at that)

Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ

3.) **Compels** You Toward Those You Love vs. 40-42

40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "**We have found the Messiah**" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

b.) You're **Sight will be Changed** v. 40-41

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1 Timothy 4:11-16

These things command and teach. 12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. 16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

c.) Your **Joy will be a Reality**

b.) Your **Conversion will be Persuasive**

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Becoming a Follower of Jesus Christ

4.) He Communicates to You Truth

vv. 43-46

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, 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 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

a.) That You're Personally Valuable to Him v 43-44

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Jesus wanted to go to Galilee,
and He found Philip

He Found Me...

THIS IS A CHURCH BEING BORN

TURN TO...

Matthew 4:18-20

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Two Things are Being Said Here at Once

Follow Me¹²⁰⁵ deute (dyoo'-teh); USED ONCE HERE ONLY

Grk imperative form to “go or leave the spot you’re at and “Come to Me” – Come hither!

If My Child is Standing There Perched Upon a Stone Wall
And I Say to Her “Follow Me!” - (dyoo'-teh);
Leave at Once Your Place of Dwelling And Jump into My Arms!

The Two Things Being Said at Once is

“Come”

For You Cannot Come Unless You Leave
and You Cannot Follow Unless You Go!

Matthew 8:19-20

Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

Luke 5:27-28

And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. 28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

Mark 6:1

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples followed him.

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“Get On This Road”

b.) That You're to Depend Upon the Word

c.) That You shall **Never be Put to Shame**