

# JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES

## Quote:

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

John 1:29-30

## Bible Marking - John 1

John 1 records the introduction of Jesus to the multitude. The latter half of this chapter uses every major title of the Lord Jesus Christ (colour them **blue**):

- Son of God – v34, 49.
- Lamb of God – v29, 36.
- Rabbi or Master – v38, 49.
- Messiah or Christ – v41.
- He of whom Moses and Prophets did write – v45.
- Jesus of Nazareth - v45.
- The son of Joseph - v45.
- King of Israel – v49.
- Son of Man – v51.

*John 1:19-28 – The Sanhedrin Questions John*

*John 1:29-34 – John Reveals Christ to the People*

**John 1:29** - “**Lamb of God**” - Reference to a sacrificial lamb provided by God: **Gen 22:8** - “God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering”. See also **Gen 3:21** - the coats of skin (see **Rev 13:8** - most likely a lamb) provided for a covering, and **1 Pet 1:18-20**; **Isa 53:7**.

“**taketh away the sin of the world**” - Lit - ‘To bear away’ - He did so by bearing our nature and nailing it to the cross in sacrificial death; thus condemning sin in the flesh (**Rom 8:3**; **Heb 2:14-15**). See **Isa 53:4**; **1 Pet 2:24**.

**John 1:33** - see **Matt 3:11, 16-17**.

*John 1:35-39 – John’s Disciples Follow Jesus*

**John 1:35** - “**two of his disciples**” - One was Andrew (v40). The other appears to be John, because it was characteristic of John not to name himself. See **John 13:23**; **20:3**; **21:24**. From start to finish John excluded his name, in referring to himself.

**John 1:37** - John’s mission was to prepare for this event. He had shown that “all flesh is grass” and now directed them to the means of redemption (Christ).

**John 1:38** - “**Rabbi**” – From a Hebrew word meaning “to be great”. An honorary title given to outstanding teachers of the law. This same word is used by Judas in the upper room and when he betrayed him in the garden (**Matt 26:25, 49**).

“**Master**” – from a Greek root word meaning to teach. It refers to a teacher, a leader, or a guide. This is a position reserved for Christ (**Matt 23:8**). We are brethren, he is our Master or Guide.

*John 1:40-42 - Andrew and Simon Continue With Him.*

**John 1:40** - **“Andrew”** - The first disciple to follow Jesus. The first to bring a convert to Jesus, however he never takes the limelight. An example of a consistent quiet worker in the ecclesia.

**John 1:41** - **“Messias”** – “anointed”. This is the same meaning as “Christ”. Jesus was and will be anointed three times:

1. At his baptism – anointed as a prophet – **Matthew 3:16-17**.
2. At the transfiguration – as a priest – **Matthew 17:5**.
3. In the future on Mt Zion - As a king – **Psalms 2:6-7**.

**John 1:42** - Jesus knew his name without being introduced.

**“Simon son of Jona”** – Literally – “the Hearing One, Son of A Dove (symbol of the Spirit)” The Lord saw in Peter the capacity to hear the spirit word, which would transform him.

**John 1:43-51** – **Return to Galilee**.

**John 1:43** - **“findeth”** – same word as **v41** (findeth), **45** (findeth). This involves seeking out. ie. Christ sought Philip out.

**John 1:47** - **“guile”** – refers to deceit or craftiness. see **Mk 7:20-23** (‘deceit’ = same word). Cp **1 Pet 3:10**. The Pharisees use guile to take the Lord to crucify him (**Matt 26:4** (subtilty); **Mk 14:1** (craft)). There are two people spoken of who had no guile: The Lord Jesus Christ (**1 Peter 2:22**), and Nathanael (**Jn 1:47**).

**John 1:51** - An allusion to **Genesis 28:17** where Jacob said **“This is the gate of heaven”**. ie. An opening to heaven. The ladder was a connecting medium between heaven and earth. Heaven and earth are connected in Jesus – the Son of God and Son of man. The Lord is the mediator between God and man (**Col 3:1-2**; **1 Tim 2:5**).

## First Week of the Public Ministry of Jesus Christ. (Optional Marking)

Day	Verses	Events	Creative Week
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>John 1:19-28</b>	John’s witness to the Deputation from Jerusalem. John bare witness of the light, creating a division with the Jews.	Light created, and divided from the darkness.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>John 1:29-34</b>	John reveals Christ to the people. Indicating him to be the Lamb of God, and to be the Son of God – the Seed of the Woman.	Divided the heavenly waters from the earthly waters. (It is the principle of sacrifice that divides that which is spiritual from that which is fleshly).
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>John 1:35-42</b>	Andrew John and Peter are introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Raised up to walk in newness of life).	The earth was raised up out of the waters, and life sprang forth.
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>John 1:43</b>	Christ left Bethabara and traveled north to Galilee. (Christ and disciples going forth to shine as lights).	Sun, Moon & Stars appointed as the light bearers in the heavens.
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>John 1:44-51</b>	Travel to Galilee and conversion of Philip and Nathanael. Christ declared to be the Son of Man (the second Adam).	Living animals and man created.
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>John 2:1</b>	Wedding in Cana of Galilee	Adam & Eve having been united in marriage entered into the rest.