

Lesson 4: *The Two Disciples of John* Tuesday, October 22, 2024

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Two disciples of John the Baptist were standing with him when Jesus walked by. John declared, “Behold the Lamb of God!” (*John 1:36, NKJV*). The two disciples had listened to John’s message about the Christ, who would fulfill the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah. The disciples left John to follow Jesus, recognizing that Jesus was greater than John the Baptist and that He was the fulfillment of John’s message.

Read John 1:35–39. What did these two disciples do after hearing John’s witness about Jesus?

³⁵ 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. 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).—
John 1:35-39

Desiring to be with Jesus, they spent the day with Him. Who knows what amazing things they had learned and experienced then?

They must have been great things because, before long, their desire was to share their experience with others. Andrew, one of the two disciples, immediately found his brother, Simon, and said, “We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated, the Christ)” (*John 1:41, NKJV*). When Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus immediately showed that He knew him, saying, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (*John 1:42, NKJV*). Jesus knew and

understood Peter. That Jesus knows a person is a motif of the Gospel of John. (See, for example, *John 2:24, 25.*)

“If John and Andrew had possessed the unbelieving spirit of the priests and rulers, they would not have been found as learners at the feet of Jesus. They would have come to Him as critics, to judge His words. . . . But not so did these first disciples. They had responded to the Holy Spirit's call in the preaching of John the Baptist. Now they recognized the voice of the heavenly Teacher. . . . A divine illumination was shed upon the teaching of the Old Testament Scriptures. The many-sided themes of truth stood out in new light.” —Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 139.

The entire emphasis of the Gospel of John is to bring to light who Jesus is, so that this good news may be shared with the world.

In what ways has Christ, and your faith in Christ, changed your life? What other changes would you still like to see happen?

³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.—***John 17:3***

³²And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.—***Luke 24:32-35***

²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.—***Revelation 3:20***

²⁸Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”—***Matthew 11:28-30***

Untitled Hymn

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
O, raise your head, for love is
passing by
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed
away the stain, so
Sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus and live!

And like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk
Sometimes we fall, so
Fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the
rain, then
Cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus and live!