

Gospel of John – The Eternal Word
Sermon 4- We have found the Messiah!
John 1:35-51

Question: *As a follower of Jesus, what do you seek? Why are you following him? What do you expect of him? What does he expect of you? What did it cost Jesus to have you be one of his?*

V35-36, These verses serve to mark John the apostle's **pivot** from the magnificent ministry of John the Baptist, to the beginnings of the public ministry of Jesus

V37, The two disciples of John have **been paying attention** to, a) John's teaching, and b) John's place in God's revelation by the OT prophets.

Notice the verbs of action! They **leave** John and **follow** Jesus.

See John 3:26-30! *May our attitudes and lives bear the mark of John!*

V38, The most important question: **“What do you seek?”**



V39, Jesus does not tell them where he is staying. They have to *follow* to find out.

V40, Who are the two disciples of John the Baptist? Andrew, Peter's brother and a mystery man. Many Bible students think it is our author, John.

V41-42, “We have found the Messiah” _____

Jesus knows who Simon is. He names him “Rocky” (Cephas in Aramaic)

V43-44, “Phillip” means, “lover of horses”. He was originally from the same town of Bethsaida and so knew Peter and Andrew. They had moved to Capernaum. (Mark 1:21,29)

V45-46, The prophecies to which Philip referred included: Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Isaiah 53; Daniel 7:13; Micah 5:2; and Zechariah 9:9. These and others spoke of the Messiah.

V47, Jesus “sees” Nathaniel's character: Guileless! He says of him, “A son of Israel (Jacob renamed by God-Genesis 32:27-28) in whom is *no Jacob!* (no deceit).”

V48, Jesus “saw” Nathaniel alone under the fig tree.

V49, Nathaniel uses three terms, “Rabbi”, “the Son of God” and “King of Israel.”

V50-51, **Jesus promised Nathaniel that he would have his view of Jesus Christ vastly and immeasurably expanded!** His words->back to Israel/Jacob's ladder and makes the astounding claim that Jesus IS the path



to and from heaven's glories and authority! (Genesis 28:10-16) **(John 14:1-7)**