

John 1:35-51

Seeking – Following - Finding - Bringing

Seeking

...“Behold, the Lamb of God!” *The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?”*

John 1:37-38

You did not choose me, but I chose you”

John 15:16

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

John 6:44

Following

The two disciples heard him say this, and they **followed Jesus**.³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them **following** and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.”

... and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and **followed** Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴³He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”

John 1:37-40, 43

Seeking & Following

“They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.”

John 17:6

Finding and Bringing

He first **found** his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have **found** the Messiah" . He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He **found** Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 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."*

John 1:41-45

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

John 1:47-49

Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

John 1:50-51

Nathanael

Without Guile: honest, transparent, and sincere and free from trickery.

Lacking the ability to manipulate others.

Frank, often to the point of being naive or unsophisticated

- **Seeking**
 - By God's grace seeking that missing part, the relationship you were created for
- **Following**
 - Taking that next step in following Jesus
 - Persevering pursuit
- **Finding**
 - Recognized Jesus for who he is, the one to bring you into the kingdom of light
- **Bringing**
 - Telling others "Come and see!"