

## Believe and Have Life

*The Gospel of John*

**John 1:35-51**

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1. John the Baptist spends three days bearing witness to Jesus. What happens on each of these three days?
  - Day 1 (1:19-28)
  
  - Day 2 (1:29-34)
  
  - Day 3 (1:35-37)
  
2. Two of John the Baptist's disciples leave his side and follow Jesus.
  - a. How do you think John might have felt about this? (John 3:26-36)
  
  - b. Being disciples of John first, they have heard him talk about the One who is coming (vv. 29-30). How do their actions confirm their understanding of John's teaching? (v. 37)
  
  - c. What do the two disciples of John ask Jesus and what happens as a result? (vv. 38b-39)
  
3. One of the disciples is understood to be John, the other Andrew. What does Andrew do after spending time with Jesus? (vv. 40-42)
  
4. In verse 42 Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter. What does this name mean and what does it suggest about who Peter will become?
  
5. Who is the next person Jesus calls, and what is his response? (vv. 43-45)
  
6. We've read John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus. Who else does Philip say testifies about Jesus? (v. 45; Lk. 24:25-27,32; John 5:39) (The Law: Gen. 3:15; Deu. 18:15,18; Gen. 49:10) (The Prophets: Is. 53:1-12; Is. 9:6,7; Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 23:5,6; Mic. 5:2)

7. What do you think of Nathanael's reaction to Philip's news?

How is his reaction similar to the way people today might react to news about Jesus?

8. What is Philip's response to Nathanael? (v. 46b)

How is that response still appropriate today when we meet people who are skeptical about Jesus?

9. What is Jesus revealing about himself in his interaction with Nathanael? (vv. 47-48)

10. Look back over the passage and write down all the ways that Jesus is described.

What is clear to these men after their initial encounter with Him that has made them so excited?

11. What Old Testament story is Jesus alluding to in verse 51? (Gen. 28:10-12, 16-17)

Jesus describes himself as the ladder Jacob saw. What could this mean? (1:18; 14:6)

F.F. Bruce: "In this application of Jacob's vision...the union between earth and heaven is affected by the Son of Man: He is the Mediator between God and the human race. Not only so, the occasion to which the words of Christ point is none other than His crucifixion. On a later occasion, speaking to a Jerusalem audience, He said, "when you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you shall know that I am He" (John 8:28). His being "lifted up" is His exaltation, though His enemies intended it for His degradation; the cross is the supreme manifestation of His glory. By the cross heaven is thrown wide open, God draws near to man, and man is reconciled to God.

As to the holy patriarch  
That wondrous dream was given  
So seems my Savior's cross to me  
A ladder up to heaven

12. The title Jesus most often uses for himself is Son of Man. What does this title say about him? (Dan. 7:13-14; Rev.1:12-17; 14:17)