

Sermon Outline

The Gospel According to John, Part 3 (John 1:35-51)

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Main Idea: This week Robin continues our series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we learn that "ordinary people meet the extraordinary Jesus who is himself the stairway to Heaven."

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1. Ordinary People Meet
2. Extraordinary Jesus
3. The Stairway to Heaven

Key Text/Quotes:

"The next day again John was standing with his two disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus." John 1:35

"The main point is that on this day Andrew hears and follows Jesus. He then finds his brother and brings his brother to meet Jesus. Pretty ordinary. But, oh, how significant for Peter—and for us!" Robin Boisvert

"This has been the foundational principle of Christian expansion ever since: new followers of Jesus bear witness of him to others, who in turn become disciples and repeat the process." D.A Carson

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 1:1-35-51 and open in prayer.
2. Today's passage reveals the ordinary people who first encountered Jesus and followed him. In doing so they immediately chose to tell others about him, realizing who in fact he was as the Son of God and Savior of the world. Take some time to share how you first came to hear about Jesus who told you the good news about him.
3. Share testimonies of how you, like Andrew, have told others about Jesus. If any of them have become followers of Jesus, tell the story!
4. Jesus identified himself with Jacob (Israel) and his encounter with God back in Genesis 28:12. In doing so, Jesus indicates that he himself is the means of revelation, communication, and interaction with God on earth. Nathanael was amazed that Christ saw him under the fig tree before their meeting, but Jesus then told him he would see many more amazing acts. What acts or "signs" will the disciples come to see? What do these signs say about who Jesus really is? How does the Apostle John use these events to convince people to trust in Jesus (John 20:31)?
5. Take some time to shares the names of people with whom you are talking about Jesus but who have not yet trusted in him. Close your time in prayer for them.

