

## **“Jesus’ First Disciples”**

*John 1:35-51*

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### **1. Some people come to Jesus through preachers.**

*“John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’ And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus” (1:35-37)*

A. Andrew the people person

B. John the beloved disciple

### **2. Some people come to Jesus through family.**

*“One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which translated means Christ). He brought him to Jesus” (1:40-42)*

A. Peter the rock

### **3. Some people come to Jesus through providence.**

*“The next day He purposed to go forth into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter” (1:43-44)*

A. Philip the Apostle

### **4. Some people come to Jesus through friends.**

*“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. And Nathanael said to him, ‘Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, ‘Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile [deceit, ESV-NKJ; nothing false, NIV;]’ ” (1:45-47)*

A. Nathanael, man of the Word

5. **All people come to Jesus through God's plan.**

*"as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (1:12)*

A. Individually, one soul at a time.  
John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathanael

B. Sovereignly, drawn by God.

*"He found Philip" (1:43)*

*"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (6:44)*

*"You did not choose Me, but I chose you" (15:16)*

*"the Helper...will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment" (16:7-8)*

C. Knowingly, only through Christ.

*"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me'" (14:6)*

*"The Word" (1:1)—the self-existent Eternal One*

*"God" (1:1)—the Omnipotent Creator*

*"The light" (1:4)—the Holy & True One*

*"The Only Begotten" (1:14)—the Unique One*

*"The LORD" (1:23)—YHWH of the OT*

*"Jesus" (1:29)—the only Savior*

*"The Lamb of God" (1:29)—the Substitute for sin*

*"Rabbi-Teacher" (1:38)—Master*

*"The Messiah" (1:41)—Anointed One*

*"The Son of God" (1:49)—shares God's nature*

*"The King of Israel" (1:49)—the Sovereign One*

*"The Son of Man" (1:51)—the Mediator*