

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

**John did not know his cousin was the Messiah until the Spirit descended in the form of a dove.**

[Jhn 1:35-48 KJV] 35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

**John gave glory to Jesus in front of his disciples.**

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

**John's message led to his disciples following Jesus. Jesus questioned them.**

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two which heard John [speak], and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

**Peter's brother was one of the first two.**

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

**He went to his brother to tell him about Jesus first.**

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

**Then, he brought him to meet Jesus and Jesus gave him a new name.**

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

**Phillip was the second disciple and he went and told Nathanael about Jesus.**

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

**Nathanael questioned whether Jesus was the Christ because of where he was from. Phillip told him to come see for himself.**

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

**Jesus saw Nathanael and said behold an Israelite, a man of complete integrity. Nathanael asked how he knew him and he said he saw him under the fig tree before Phillip came to him.**

Church is not what it used to be. What do you mean Jed?

Padded pews, air conditioning in the summer, and big tv screens and all kinds of musical instruments. Are you saying these are bad things?

No, I get so comfortable, I go to sleep so I guess it is a bad thing. I went to sleep one service and made the pastor mad at me. My neighbor told me about it. Your neighbor, Yes, I told you I was asleep. He said the pastor looked at me and quietly said, everybody who wants to go to heaven, stand up. Everyone stood up but me. Why didn't you? I told you I was asleep. Then he had everyone sit down and said everyone who wants to go to hell, STAND UP! And he yelled stand up at the top of his lungs. All I heard was stand up, so I stood up. Then he looked at me and said, so you want to go there do you. I told him I don't know where it is but looks like you and I are going there. We were the only two standing.

Help me introduce tonight's lesson. It covers the last few verses of John chapter 1. This is our third Wednesday to study his chapter. Slow reader huh? No there is lots of good gold nuggets in that chapter.

Did you know John copied off Moses? No, I didn't know that. Yea the first three words of John are the same as the first three words of Genesis: In the beginning.

He didn't copy. Jesus was at the beginning in Genesis and John was just pointing that out through the Holy Spirit. Tonight we are going to look at the calling of the first disciples. We will also see some God things Jesus did. Have you got any words for us before we get started? Yes, Jesus is the Word.

I made my will out yesterday. Being of sound mind, I spent all the money.