

Lesson III.

JESUS AND HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

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John 1 : 35-49. Study John 1 : 35-51—Memory Verses, 35-37.

Golden Text—We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.—John 1 : 45.



35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples ;
 36 And looking upon Je'sus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God !
 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Je'sus.
 38 Then Je'sus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye ? They said unto him, Rab'bi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou ?
 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 An'drew, Si'mon Pe'ter's brother.
 41 He first findeth his own brother Si'mon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messi'as, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
 42 And he brought him to Je'sus. And when Je'sus beheld him, he said, Thou art Si'mon the son of Jo'na : thou shalt be called Ce'phas, which is by interpretation, A stone.
 43 The day following Je'sus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Phil'ip, and saith unto him, Follow me. 44 Now Phil'ip was of Bethsa'ida, the city of An'drew and Pe'ter.
 45 Phil'ip findeth Nathan'ael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Mo'ses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Je'sus of Naz'areth, the son of Jo'seph. 46 And Nathan'ael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Naz'areth ? Phil'ip saith unto him, Come and see. 47 Je'sus saw Nathan'ael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Is'raelite indeed, in whom is no guile ! 48 Nathan'ael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me ? Je'sus answered and said unto him, Before that Phil'ip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. 49 Nathan'ael answered and saith unto him, Rab'bi, thou art the Son of God ; thou art the King of Is'rael.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The day after John the Baptist had pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God, to the messengers from the Jewish rulers, as John was standing talking with two of his disciples, Jesus passed by. John pointed Him out to the disciples, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God". And immediately they left John, and followed Jesus.

When Jesus heard them behind Him, He turned, and asked them what they wanted. "Master", they said, "where do you live ?" Jesus was very kind and gracious to these men, who evidently wished to be with Him to learn of Him, and He invited them to come to the place where He was staying; and they remained there the rest of the day.

One of the disciples was named Andrew,

and the other was John, who wrote the Gospel from which the Lesson is taken. Andrew, after he had been with Jesus, immediately hurried away in search of his brother Simon, to tell him that they had found the Messiah. And he brought him to Jesus, and Simon, too, became a follower of Jesus, and Jesus gave him the new name of Cephas or Peter, which means "a stone". In the meantime John had gone to his brother James and brought him to Jesus.

The next day, as Jesus was starting to go into Galilee, He saw a man named Philip, who belonged to Bethsaida, the city from which Andrew and Peter had come, and him also He called to follow Him as His disciple. Philip found a friend called Nathanael, and