

Lesson III. **FIRST DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS** January 21, 1917

John 1 : 35-49. Study John 1 : 35-51. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 3.

Golden Text—Jesus saith unto him, Follow me.—John 1 : 43 (Rev. Ver.).

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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 Gal'ilee, 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 said 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

Some of those to whom John the Baptist preached, became his followers or disciples. Amongst these were, one day, two fishermen who had left their home beside the Sea of Galilee. They had heard of the strange teacher who was telling the people that the great one whom God had promised to send, was now coming. He was telling them how to get ready for him, and was baptizing them in the Jordan River. "Let us go down to the Jordan River and see and hear for ourselves,"

said these two fishermen. So away they went.

When they reached the place, they found a great crowd listening to John. They listened, too, and believed all that John said about Jesus, and were themselves baptized. Our last story told us how John saw Jesus coming towards him, and how he pointed to him and said: "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Next day, while John was standing talking

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