

Text: John 1:19-51

Study Outline

- I. A Voice in the Wilderness (vss 19-28)**
 - a. In this section John the Baptist is asked about his own identity. Who did the religious leaders think John might have been?
 - b. How does John identify himself?
 - c. Why did John baptize people who came to him?

- II. The Lamb of God (vss 29-33)**
 - a. What was John's testimony of Jesus? (vss 29, see also vs 36)
 - b. What did the Spirit descending upon Jesus signify for John?
 - c. Twice John says, "I did not know him" but the One who sent Him gave him the sign to look for to recognize Jesus and to reveal him as the "Lamb of God," and "the Son of God."

- III. The first Disciples (vs. 35-42)**
 - a. Two disciples heard John the Baptist testify of Jesus and followed Jesus. Who were these two disciples?
 - b. These first two followers declare Jesus to be "Rabbi" and then one of them declares to Simon, that they have found the Messiah. Why do you think the text gives in parenthesis an explanation or definition of the title "Rabbi" and "Messiah?"

- IV. Philip and Nathaniel (vss 43-51)**
 - a. According to John 1, Philip was the 3rd disciple recorded to have followed Jesus. What did he do upon following Jesus?
 - b. Philip describes Jesus in his own way. What does he say about Jesus?
 - c. Why do you think Nathanael questions whether the Messiah could come out of Nazareth?
 - d. How does Jesus demonstrate to Nathanael His true identity?

V. Reflection Questions:

a. Identity is a big theme in John. List all of the identifying titles attributed to Jesus in Chapter 1. What does this diversity of titles suggest to us about Jesus?

b. We get introduced to the first disciples of Jesus and their call to discipleship. List at least four ways in which they were “called.”

Sources

Study Bible

The New Spirit Filled Life Bible, New King James Version