

John 1:29-51 – The First Disciples

John 1:1 states that Jesus Christ, the Word, is God. John 1:14 states that Jesus Christ, the Word, became flesh and tabernacled among us. In John 1:29, John the Baptist proclaimed that Jesus was “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”. These three foundational statements about Jesus will be detailed in the rest of the Gospel of John.

Read John 1:29-34.

From 1:29, what does it mean that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?

According to 1:31, why was John baptizing?

How did God make Jesus know to John the Baptist? (1:32-33)

In 1:34, what was John the Baptist’s witness and testimony about Jesus? What did John mean by this?

Read John 1:35-42.

In this passage we learn that Andrew was a disciple of John before he became a disciple of Jesus. Given Andrew’s relationships with Peter, James and John, it is possible that Andrew was not the only one of the 12 who had previously been a disciple of John the Baptist.

When John the Baptist again pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God, what did two of his disciples do?

What happened when Jesus saw the two disciples following him?

After Andrew met with Jesus, what did he say about Jesus? What is the first thing that Andrew did? What can we learn from Andrew's testimony and actions?

Read John 1:43-51.

In the Gospel of John, who is the first disciple recruited by Jesus? (1:43)

What did Philip do in response to Jesus' call? (1:45-46)

What was Nathaniel's attitude toward Jesus before he met Jesus? What was Nathaniel's attitude and testimony after he met Jesus? (1:46, 49) What does this remind us of concerning our "private thoughts and attitudes"?

According to Jesus, what greater things would Nathaniel see? What did Jesus mean by this? (1:51)