

John #9

1:35-42

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"We Have Found the Messiah"

Intro: This morning, in our text, we will find John the Beloved making a transition where, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he moves us from the Baptist's testimony concerning the Deity of Christ, to our Lord's first interaction with His first _____, and their first _____ concerning Him.

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I. John the Baptist declares to two of his disciples that _____ the _____ of God.

II. Upon hearing their teacher, John the Baptist, pronounce Jesus to be the Lamb of God (whose way he had been preparing and of whom he had been telling them about), _____ Jesus.

A. Jesus asked the disciples saying, "_____ do you _____?"

1. Lenski writes, "This first word spoken by Jesus [in John's gospel] is a master question. It bids them look searchingly at their inmost longings and desires. ... A hidden promise lies in the question 'What are you seeking?' _____ has the highest treasure any man can seek, [and] longs to direct our seeking toward that _____ in order that He may bestow it for our _____ enrichment."

B. The two answered the Lord by addressing Him as a "_____", and then by asking Him the question, "_____ are you staying?"

1. Their answer/question is very revealing for it directly addressed the Lord's question. The Lord asked, "What are you seeking?" And they answered (and I paraphrase), "We are _____ to know _____. Can we go along with You to the place You are staying and have some of Your time that we might _____ better?"

2. The _____ them to come along with Him and promises them that they will see where He is staying; which is to say that they will spend time together and get to know one another and build a _____.

C. Whatever our _____ said to Andrew and the other disciple on that day was so powerful that it _____ them that what the Baptist had said, that Jesus is the Lamb of God, was true; for in verse 41 we read that Andrew told his brother Simon that they had “found the _____!”

III. Upon finding that Jesus is the Messiah (_____), Andrew began to _____, with Simon his brother being the first to hear.

A. Andrew also _____ his brother _____.

1. There are a lot of _____ in this world who _____ to be told about Jesus, and then to be brought to Him. Just as _____ invited Andrew and John to come with Him, and Andrew then invited his brother to come with him to Jesus, we who believe that Jesus is the Christ are also ambassadors of Christ, and need to be _____ of Him and _____ others to Him!

B. Jesus gave Simon a whole new name, which implies that Jesus gave Simon a whole _____!

1. Church, we must have _____ for the _____, for there are a lot of people who need a new life! They need to come to Jesus and someone must _____ them the _____.

2. We need to _____ in the transforming power of Christ; and have the mind of Christ believing that as people come to Him, that in their being born again that _____ cause them to become the kind of people He wants them to be! Oh, that we would _____ in the salvific plan of God working diligently to bring others to believe that Jesus is the Christ.

Conclusion: _____, like Andrew, _____ that Jesus is the Christ? If so, then like Andrew, _____.

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