

Agape House of Worship
Wednesday Bible Study – February 18, 2026

Study Series: “THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE” A Journey Through the Gospel of John

Part 3: Behold the Lamb: The First Disciples John 1:19-51

Teacher: Pastor Bimbola Lawore

In today’s study we will observe how the ministry of John the Baptist, transitioned into the calling of Jesus first disciples. I pray at the end of this study your faith in Jesus Christ will be strengthened even more, you will become a more devoted follower and passionate witness for Jesus Christ.

Central Theme of the Gospel of John:

John 20:30-31 “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ **But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**”

Quick Review of prior lesson:

1. The Gospel according to John was written so that _____
2. Jesus is _____ and the _____ of men (John 1:4)

JOHN THE BAPTIST - #1 WITNESS – JOHN 1:19-23

- John the Baptist clarifies his Identity using the scripture, Isaiah 40:3. It’s a confirmation of God’s promise, a fulfillment of scripture with no ambiguity. John was clear on his mission, which is to point men to Jesus, “to make straight the way of the Lord” he said “I am not the Christ”
- *Isaiah 40:3* “A voice of one calling “In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD^g; make straight in the desert a highway for our God”

Question: What are your thoughts on John the Baptist response to the priest and levites?

JOHN THE BAPTIST - BEHOLD THE LAMB – JOHN 1:24 - 35

- John identifies Jesus as the "**Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world".

John 1”29-35 ^{The} next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**” ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who ^[k]is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ³¹ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.” ³² And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³ **I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**’ ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “**Behold the Lamb of God!**” (NKJV)

Lessons from the life of John the Baptist

1. Find your calling and assignment in the word of God.
2. Focus on your assignment. **John 1:35**
3. Avoid self-promotion. **John 3:30**

Question – What other lessons can we learn from the life of John the Baptist

FIRST DISCIPLES (FOLLOWING JESUS) – JOHN 1:35 – 51, MATTHEW 4:18-22

Apostle John tells us about the early followers of Jesus; he highlighted four people who came to Jesus through different ways.

1. Andrew came to Jesus because of the preaching of John the Baptist. **John 1:35-39**
2. Peter came to Jesus because of the witness of his brother Andrew. **John 1:40-42**
3. Philip came to Jesus as a result of the direct call of Jesus. **John 1:43-45**
4. Nathaniel came to Jesus as he overcame personal prejudices by a personal encounter. **John 1:46-49**

They did not only find Jesus, but they also testified to His divinity.

- **Andrew:** “The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ) **John 1:42**
- **Philip:** Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” **John 1:45, Deuteronomy 18:15**
- **Nathaniel:** “Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” **John 1:49. (Nathaniel is also known as Bartholomew)**

Discussion/Questions:

- How did you come to Jesus? Share your salvation story
- Are you actively telling people about Jesus?
- How will you describe yourself when it comes to sharing the Gospel _____?

Andrew was a connector; he always brought people to Jesus. John 6:8, John 12:22

Closing Reflection/:

- Coming to Jesus is the beginning of our Identity Formation and Purpose Clarity (Peter)
- There is a scripture that encapsulate your calling, purpose, and assignment, ask God to reveal it to you. (John the Baptist) Isaiah 40:3, 1 Peter 2:9, Jeremiah 1:10, Isaiah 62:6, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 5:20