

Come and See

John 1:35-42

A. John's Revealing Statement

1. Have you ever had a significant life-changing moment that shifted your life?
2. Something that ensured life as you knew it would never be the same again.
3. For these disciples, this is one of those moments.

B. Two Curious Disciples

1. John the Baptist was teaching at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan River.
2. He had been questioned by the Pharisees as to why he was baptising as he was.
3. He stated that there was one to come who would baptise with The Holy Spirit.
4. He also said he wasn't fit to untie the sandals of the one to come.
5. John then said the one to come would take away the sins of the world.
6. No wonder his disciples were starting to take notice!
7. He points his disciples to Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God" (v. 36)
8. Two of John's disciples leave, following the Lamb (v. 37).
9. The Lord's question: "What do you want?"
10. They wanted to know where Jesus lived.
11. Jesus doesn't just tell them where He stays. He responded: "*Come and See*"
12. He invites them, not just to walk with Him, but to experience His presence.
13. Jesus invites us all to know Him personally, not just hear about Him.
14. Think of a time you have had, when you had to "see something for yourself".
15. Jesus' invitation is still valid today—He calls us to come, see, and follow Him.
16. Have we accepted His invitation?

C. Come and See, and Trust Him Today (vv. 38-39)

1. We have the call to identify Jesus. "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (v. 36)
2. John the Baptist directs his disciples to Jesus.
3. True discipleship begins with recognizing Jesus for who He is.
4. John's statement has pointed the way & they want to know more about Him.
5. They now know that Jesus is the prophesied One, so they want to follow Him.
6. God always has key people to point others to the Lamb of God.
7. E.g. Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch; Peter and Cornelius; Paul & the jailer.
6. Who pointed you to Jesus? And who have you pointed to Him?
7. See Jesus for who He is (the Saviour), and trust Him to save you
8. Like the psalmist, you'll find in Him all you need. (Psalm 34:8)
9. Are we actively seeking Jesus in our lives, or are we distracted by lesser things?
10. Have you truly "tasted" the Lord?

D. Come and See, and You'll Want to Stay (v. 39)

1. They came with Jesus "...and they spent that day with him."
2. How good it must have been, the hours when they were with Jesus!
3. They didn't want to leave.
4. Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before
5. They got a glimpse of the glory of Christ, just wanted to stay there.
6. You'll wonder why you wasted time in the world
7. Like Paul, you'll count all things but loss for Christ (Phil. 3)

E. Come and See, and You'll Show Others the Way (vv.40-42)

1. Andrew couldn't keep this good news to himself
2. He went first to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him the good news
3. Andrew brings Simon to Jesus, & Jesus gives him a new name—Cephas (Peter).
4. Encountering Jesus changes our identity and purpose.
5. When we truly meet Jesus, we don't remain the same.
6. Peter's life was transformed from that encounter.
7. Peter was just himself... nobody else!
8. He was a plain forth-right fisherman whom Christ made a "fisher of men."
9. In the opinion of the scribes, he was unlearned and ignorant (Acts 4:13).
10. But his mind was keener than theirs.
11. He recognized the Messiah when he heard Him.
12. The Pharisees knew the letter of the law.
13. Peter knew the living Word, the Lord of glory, The One Who gave The Law!
14. But they recognized Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God.
15. Andrew declared: "We have found the Messiah ... the Christ"
16. News like this must be shared.
17. Andrew brought Peter to Jesus. Who brought you to Jesus?
18. Who have you brought to Jesus? Are you introducing others to Him?
19. How has following Jesus changed your life?
20. Andrew's first convert would reach thousands of other people for Christ
21. Be an Andrew; tell others about your Savior

F. Come And See

1. Jesus calls us to seek Him, experience Him, and be transformed by Him.
2. Faith in Christ must be firsthand. Jesus is all you need.
3. Have you truly come to Jesus?
4. Are you bringing others to Him, like Andrew did with Peter?
5. Jesus meets us where we are but never leaves us the same.
6. His invitation still stands today.
7. Peter had the Father's revelation of who his Lord was. Have we?
8. Jesus asked: "Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15, NIV).
9. Then He invites us: "Come and see."