

Message #5

Series on John: "Believe"

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"Meeting the Master"

Text: John 1: 35-42

Intro: Last week we took a closer look at the message and ministry of John the Baptist. We will see John again for a moment today as we look at the very first hours of the earthly ministry of Jesus. Let's look day at the a few men meeting the Master.

1) The Public Declaration. (v.35-36)

- a. It should be noted here that once again John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God.
- b. Again we see his humility here because at no time pleading with Andrew and John to stay with him, or follow him.
- c. John had one job and that was to point people to Jesus.
- d. John message was consistent.
- e. Remember this is now the second time that He has made the declaration that Jesus is the Lamb of God.
- f. Often, people don't respond the first time they hear. We must be consistent in telling and showing them Jesus.
- g. J.C. Ryle "Those who have done the most for Christ's cause in every part of the world, have been men like John the Baptist. They have not cried, Behold me, or, Behold the church, or, Behold the ordinances, but Behold the Lamb. If souls are to be saved, men must be pointed directly to Christ".
- h. We must realize that no matter who comes and goes out of here, and whatever excuse they use for coming or going, there must be a steady, consistent, patient preaching and teaching of the truth.
- i. The story of grace must be repeated line upon line, and precept upon precept.
- j. Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
- k. It may not happen immediately, but we must stay with it.

2) The Probing Question (v. 38)

- a. What Seek Ye? What are you looking for?
- b. Great question for in here this morning. What are you looking to get out of this?
- c. Did you come seeking extra credit in Heaven and hopefully this will help to weigh the scales in your favor?
- d. Andrew and John were being asked this question as a check of their motives. Why did they want to follow Jesus.

- e. Jesus knew why? This question is not for his benefit. It was for their benefit.
- f. What is the answer to that question in your heart this morning?
- g. I believe he also was asking this question for their encouragement. In other words he was saying “Is there anything that I can do for you”? Any truth I can teach you, any burden that I can take away?
- h. What seek Ye?

3) The Personal Invitation (v.39)

- a. These two men simply answered we would like to get to know you a little better.
- b. Andrew and John wanted more than a passing glimpse of the Lord; they wanted a personal relationship with Him. They wanted to be in the presence of the Master. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of God's people were devoted to Him with a genuine desire to be near to Him?
- c. Imagine how they must have felt, having heard of the coming Messiah, and being taught the prophecy, and all the things that Messiah would do, and they are now standing right in front of Him.
- d. Jesus's answer is awesome. Come and see. (We will see these words again.)
- e. **Note:** According to John the first words that he heard Jesus say was “What seek ye”? followed by “Come and See”.
- f. The invitation is still the same today. Come and see who I am. Come and see what I am. Come and be acquainted with me.
- g. You don't have to have it all together. He invites you just as you are to come and see.

4) The Pressing Motivation (v 40-42)

- a. It is interesting to note as we study this passage that John is an eyewitness to this, but as will be his style of writing he will not refer to himself.
- b. Note the details. What Jesus said. What time of day it was.
- c. It's hard to forget the day that you met the Master.
- d. Having met the master, a natural response to that would be to want others to meet the Master.
- e. The wording of the text here would indicate that both Andrew and John went to tell their brothers Peter and James. Andrew was first.
- f. Think about it. Peter would be a leader of the early church. He would preach and 3000 souls would be saved at his first service. And yet he was led to Jesus by the quiet word of a relative.
- g. Peter benefited from the concern of Andrew. Are we willing to develop that same type of concern? Are we willing to seek out those who have never met the Lord? I'm sure that we all have those who are close to us who have never met the Lord. May we see them as Christ did and have a burden for them?
- h. We would all do well to learn from the commitment of Andrew. He was determined to get Peter into a position to know the Lord. We speak of a concern for the souls of those

around us, but how committed are we to go the extra mile to ensure their opportunity of actually coming to Christ? Andrew didn't just pray; he acted in faith. He knew that if Peter ever got in the presence of Jesus, he would never be the same.

- i. The simple testimony of a loving brother was the first link in the chain.
- j. Ryle: "The first blow in that mighty work by which Peter was made a pillar of the church, was struck by Andrew's words "We have found the Christ'"
- k. If God announced to this church this morning that it was all going to come to an end 7 days from now, who would you go to immediately?
- l. If Andrew would have acted like most in the church today what would have happened to Peter? Who can tell.
- m. **J.C. Ryle** "Thousands, humanly speaking, would listen to a word from a friend, who will not listen to a sermon. Every believer ought to be a home-missionary, a missionary to his family, children, servants, neighbors and friends."
- n. **Luk 16:22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- o. **Luk 16:23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- p. **Luk 16:24** And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- q. **Luk 16:25** But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
- r. **Luk 16:26** And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
- s. **Luk 16:27** Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- t. **Luk 16:28** For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- u. Please tell me that the people in hell are not more mission minded than we are.