

We're going to see 5 disciples trust and follow Jesus in 4 different encounters. As we look at these we're going to see together...

- 3 different methods of evangelism.
- 4 specific barriers that we face in following Christ.
- How the call of Jesus is personally designed to impact and attract 4 different personality types in this passage

Our Goal: That we will **follow Jesus' call to discipleship**

1. ANDREW AND JOHN FOLLOW JESUS

Verse 35-36

The Evangelistic Method: **The Preacher's Message**

The greatest thing a preacher can say... ! **Look at Jesus**

Barrier: **Our Past**

They had to stop **following John** in order to start **following Jesus**.

Verse 37-39

They followed Jesus. **Immediately!**

Jesus' Call fits **their character**

Their Character: **People Centered**

Jesus' Call:

He starts a **Relationship**

Jesus breaks through their trust barrier with a simple question:
What are you looking for?

They ask: **Where are you staying?**

Jesus invites: **Come and see**

They decide: **They spent the day with Him**

2. PETER FOLLOWS JESUS

Verse 40-41

The evangelistic method: **A Personal Message**

Don't miss this... "We have found the Messiah!"

We have found... (v. 41)

Andrew was always bringing people to Jesus

- His own brother
- A boy with loaves - 6:8
- Greeks who wanted to see Jesus - 12:20

Verse 42

The Barrier: **Pride**

He followed his younger brother to Jesus

Peter was sought by his brother, brought by his brother and was caught by the words of Jesus.

Jesus' Call fits his character

Peter's Character: **Purpose Centered**

Jesus' Call: He gives a **New Name**

You will be called Cephas! ... You are the rock

3. PHILIP FOLLOWS JESUS

Verse 43

The barrier: **No one brought Him**

The evangelistic method: **Sought out by Jesus**

Jesus' Call fits his character

His Character: **Peace Centered** (Phlegmatic)

Jesus' Call: **Follow Me!**

He finds the one who would not seek Him out.

4. NATHANAEL FOLLOWS JESUS

Verse 44-45

Evangelistic Method: **Personal Evangelism**

Philip gets a different response than Andrew!

How do you handle a negative response to your witness?

"Come and See"

Verse 46

The Barrier: **Prejudice** (Can anything good come out of Nazareth?)

Verse 47-48

Jesus' Call fits his character

His Character: **Internally Centered**

Jesus' Call: **I see your heart**

I saw, word means to perceive and to understand

- "Israelite" - he knew his **background**
 - "Nothing False" - he knew his **character**
- "But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.'" Gen 27:35 (NIV)
- "I saw you under the fig tree" - He knew his **heart**

Verse 49-51

You will see greater...

Express a little faith and you will **experience** a great faith.

"Jacob dreamed that there was a ladder resting on the earth and reaching up into heaven, and he saw angels of God going up and coming down the ladder. Then Jacob saw the LORD standing above the ladder, and he said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your grandfather, and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are now sleeping." Gen 28:12-13 (NCV)

There are 9 titles for Jesus used in this Passage:

1. **Lamb of God**
2. **Rabbi**
3. **Messiah**
4. **The one Moses and the Prophets wrote about**
5. **Jesus of Nazareth**
6. **Son of Joseph**
7. **Son of God**
8. **King of Israel**
9. **Son of Man**

The one Jesus uses of Himself is... **Son of Man**

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence." Dan 7:13 (NIV)