

# **Jesus says “Come Follow Me”**

## **Part 1**

**(I wrote)**

**Matthew 4:18-22**

**Mark 1:14-20**

**John 1:35-51**

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The next day as John was preaching, Jesus walked by once again. “Look, the Lamb of God!” John said again.

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Jesus answered “Come and see.”

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The Bible does not tell us what Jesus said to the two men, but when they left Jesus' side, there was no doubt in their minds that He was indeed the Savior that they had been waiting for.

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Andrew would later become one of Jesus' disciples.

When Andrew left Jesus, the first thing that he did was to run and find his brother Simon.

“Simon, we have found the Messiah” he said.

Then Andrew took Simon to meet Jesus as well.

When Jesus met Simon, he said, “You are Simon son of John, from now on, you will be called Cephas.” Cephas means Peter, so from that day on, Simon was known as Simon Peter.

This was the first time that Simon Peter had met Jesus and only the second time for Andrew, but it wouldn't be the last.

One day, as Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers. Can you guess who they were?

That's right, Andrew and his brother Simon Peter.

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When Jesus saw them, He said “Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

So Andrew and Simon Peter got up immediately and follow Jesus.

Jesus, Andrew and Simon Peter soon saw two other men. They were brothers as well.

Their names were James and John.

James and John were in a boat with their father Zebadee, mending their fishing nets.

Jesus called out to them “Come, follow me.”

Immediately James and John left their boat and their father, and they followed Jesus too.

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As Jesus and his 4 disciples were on their way to Galilee, they found another man named Philip. Jesus called out “Follow me.”

And just like the other four followers, Philip got up and followed Jesus.

Philip was from the very same little town that Andrew and Peter were from.

As the 5 followers walked along the road with Jesus, Philip listened closely to everything that Jesus was saying.

He had waited a longgg time for the Messiah, and now he, too, believed that Jesus was the promised Savior.

Philip and his neighbor; Nathaniel; had talked often about the glorious time when the Savior would appear.

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What were Simon and Andrew doing when the Lord called to them? (fishing)

What did the Lord say to them? (“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”)

How did they respond? (They followed Him immediately)

Who were the other brothers called by the Lord? (James and John)

What were they doing when the Lord called them? (mending fishing nets with their father)

What would it be like to have someone call you to do something if it meant stopping what you were already doing? Would it be easy? Why do you think these men followed the Lord immediately? (Answers will vary. Obviously, the disciples realized that the Lord was someone special and felt drawn to follow Him.)

How does the Lord call us to be His disciples? (We hear His call when we learn about Him and the teachings of His Word. We follow the Lord when we try to do what the Lord says is good and true.)

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Take fish crackers to eat

Make little net bags with fish crackers in them as a take home snack.

Instructions:

Place a few fish crackers in a snack size ziplock bag

Place netting around the ziplock bag

Tie a piece of string around the top of the netting.

Attach memory verse onto the string

Attach a small bobber onto the string

Game

Play Follow the Leader