

I. **AGAIN**

- a. The next next day
  - i. See vs. 29 – the next day
  - ii. Vs. 35 – AGAIN the next day
  - iii. But THIS day, two of John’s disciples heard him speak (vs. 37)
- b. Remember, John the Baptist was a great preacher
  - i. Great crowds would gather each day to hear him preach
  - ii. Many people were baptized by John
    - 1. Prerequisite for becoming an apostle
    - 2. Act 1:21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, (22) Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.
  - iii. John was laying up raw materials.
    - 1. I Chronicles 28:3-6
    - 2. Temple
      - a. David could not build the temple (he was not qualified)
      - b. Solomon (the son of peace) was qualified
      - c. So David stockpiled the raw materials (gold, timber, jewels)
    - 3. Church
      - a. John the Baptist was not qualified to institute a church
      - b. Jesus (the Son of God) was qualified
      - c. John the Baptist stockpiled raw materials (baptized believers!)
    - 4. John the Baptist.... (get this now) “Baptized”
    - 5. Baptism is a BIG DEAL ☺
      - a. I have seen people stop at baptism
      - b. Young man in Springfield...
      - c. Kevin’s Catholic wife divorced him
- c. Take it in!
  - i. READ John 1:35-43
  - ii. John the Baptist was the only one with that very special revelation from God
    - 1. Vs. 32-33 – He was told how to identify the Christ
    - 2. He knew what to look for and he SAW it (remember vs. 34)!
    - 3. Now, he’s telling others what he saw
    - 4. Now, OTHERS must know that Jesus is the Christ
  - iii. I can’t say if they were waiting for Jesus or not

1. Maybe they heard John testify the day before but couldn't get to Him
2. I get the idea that maybe they were waiting for John to point Him out
3. We are staying until He shows up again!
4. We're not going ANYwhere!
- iv. And with vs. 35 we end John's "official" purpose on Earth
  1. He did it! He made straight the way of the Lord!
  2. And these two disciples were "constrained" on that way
  3. Straight to Christ!
  4. Today, we shall see the story of the Doubling Disciples

## II. ONE MAN

- a. John the Baptist
  - i. We've studied him and preached about him
  - ii. But he had one job to do – Preach
    1. He bore record – vs. 34
    2. He bore record – vs. 32
    3. He testified – vs. 26
    4. He cried – vs. 23
    5. He confessed – vs. 20
    6. He gave record – vs. 19
    7. He bore witness – vs. 15
    8. He was a witness – vs. 7
  - iii. We share the same responsibilities
- b. We must testify of Jesus Christ
  - i. Mighty to save
  - ii. Acts 4:12 – "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
  - iii. He and He alone.
    1. There is none else.
    2. Hebrews 2:3 – "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;"
  - iv. Romans 10:14 – "How then shall they call on him in whole they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"
    1. That word preacher does not mean a pastor
    2. It is a Greek word meaning "herald"
    3. The king is coming... make way for the king!
- c. He made disciples
  - i. That's our job too... See people Saved, Baptized, and Discipled!

- ii. He taught doctrine or he wouldn't have disciples
  - 1. Doctrine simply means teaching
  - 2. And disciple simply means one who follows to be taught
- iii. He more than doubled himself
- iv. But we see.... Two.

### III. TWO MEN

- a. Two Disciples
  - i. Who were they? Well, we know one is Andrew (vs. 40)
  - ii. The other guy doesn't like to use his own name.
  - iii. John 13:23 – “Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.”
  - iv. The Apostle John, the writer of this book.
    - 1. He never put his own name forward
    - 2. He focused instead on Jesus Christ!
    - 3. People may not remember OUR names
    - 4. But they should remember our LORD!
- b. They Followed
  - i. Follow, follow, I would Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on!
  - ii. He turned and asked a very peculiar question – vs. 38
    - 1. What seek ye?
    - 2. That's a good question – and one He has asked me many times
    - 3. Do I seek a closer relationship with Him?
    - 4. Or do I seek only the benefits? The good things He gives?
    - 5. What am I willing to give to Him?
    - 6. What seek ye?
- c. They Abode
  - i. Can you imagine what that was like?
  - ii. Can you imagine the questions they asked
  - iii. Can you imagine how they felt when He answered them!?!?
  - iv. It was a transformative day!
    - 1. They had had jobs before
    - 2. Now they left all and became like Jesus
    - 3. Matthew 8:20 – “And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.”
- d. The next day they found their own bothers
  - i. Andrew found his brother FIRST (vs. 41)
  - ii. But John found his brother too. His name is James.
  - iii. They doubled themselves.
  - iv. We now see four

### IV. FOUR MEN

- a. Andrew
  - i. Of course we know the sons of Zebedee
    - 1. James and John – the Lord surnamed Boanerges
    - 2. The sons of thunder
  - ii. We know Simon, who will be called Peter
  - iii. But Simon’s brother Andrew
    - 1. Not much more is heard from him...
    - 2. But let’s look quickly at another instance – John 6:8-9
    - 3. Andrew, doing what Andrew does
    - 4. Bringing other people to Jesus
- b. Peter
  - i. He heard the message from his brother and came to Christ
    - 1. That is no little thing
    - 2. We see no argument, no questioning, just readiness to hear about Jesus
  - ii. Cephas – a stone
    - 1. Now there’s some confusion here
    - 2. Matthew 16:18 – “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
    - 3. There’s two different words there
      - a. Peter – G4074 – Petros – A “piece” of rock
      - b. Petra – G4073 – A MASS of rock
- c. May we be strong like stones as well
  - i. Christ is the foundation. He is the ONLY rock upon which this church rests!
  - ii. I Timothy 3:15 – “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”
  - iii. Jesus is the foundation
    - 1. But we can be bricks!
    - 2. We can be individually strong ourselves
    - 3. And together we can be so much stronger!
    - 4. Bricks are meshed together, CEMENTED!
    - 5. Together we make a great building for Christ
    - 6. And of course, He is the Chief Cornerstone!

## V. WILL YOU COME TO JESUS

- a. Behold the Lamb of God
  - i. He taketh away the SIN of the world
  - ii. Come to Him today
- b. For the saved here today, will we be bricks in this church?
- c. Will we be strong for the truth? Joined together?

- d. Will we bring others to Jesus?
  - i. Andrew did and look what happened
  - ii. John did and look what happened