

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 4

1. Scripture of Lesson: John 1: 35~51
2. Followers of Jesus: Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathaniel
 - a. What helped these men identify Jesus as the Messiah?
 - i. Scriptural prophecies of the Messiah's coming [Isiah 48~51, Daniel 9: 20~27, etc.]
 - ii. Testimony of John the Baptist
 - iii. Andrew to Peter: "We have found the Messiah." [v. 41]
 - b. Lord gives us missions: "Follow me." [v. 43]
 - i. What is our response?
 - c. Nathaniel's bias and persuasion:
 - i. Jesus' appraisal of Nathaniel: "An Israelite with no guile." [v. 47]
 - ii. Are we honest before God? How do we stand when God sees us?
 - iii. Lord sees praying souls and knows their hearts: "How do you know me?" "When you were under the fig tree (*praying*), I saw you." [v. 48]
3. What do we see in Jesus today?
 - a. Does Christianity properly represent Christ in his mission and spirit?
 - b. Why is there so much discrepancy between what we see in the Bible and in reality today?
4. Evangelical model: "Come and see"
 - a. What was a likely place of stay for Jesus and his disciples during Jesus' mission years?
 - b. Different roles: Ministers and saints
 - c. Is the traveling ministry the only right model of Christian ministry? What guiding principles need to be retained?
5. Jesus as the ladder to Heaven [v.51]
 - a. What does ladder represent?
 - i. The only way up to heaven
 - ii. One step at a time—we can move up or down.
 - iii. There is help available –angels of God ascending and descending upon the ladder/ Son of man.