

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we know today, that Christ is the Son of God?
2. Why did John and Andrew follow Jesus?
3. What must one do in order to follow Jesus today?
4. How can we be an effective witness for Christ?

### SUMMARY:

John the Baptist testified of Christ to his disciples telling them that this was the one upon whom he saw the Spirit descending and that He was truly the Son of God.

Andrew and John needed no further persuasion. When they saw Jesus they simply followed Him. When Philip came to know Him, he immediately went and brought Nathanael to Christ.

We must have this same simple faith with works (James 2:14-18) to be able to know Him as our own personal Savior and to be there with Him in His glory.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

January 9, 2005

First Quarter

### LEAVING ALL TO FOLLOW CHRIST

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**LESSON TEXT:** John 1:29-51

**LESSON SETTING:** In and near several cities of Judah and Galilee.

**TIME:** Approximately 27 A.D.

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- I. JOHN FORETELLS CHRIST'S MINISTRY.** John 1:29-34
  - A. Christ the Lamb. Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 1:19
  - B. Christ the Sin-Bearer. Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 2:24
  - C. Christ the Son of God. Matthew 3:17; 17:5
- II. ANDREW AND JOHN FOLLOW JESUS.** John 1:35-42
  - A. Seeking Christ. Luke 19:3; John 12:21
  - B. Following Christ. John 8:12; 1 Peter 2:21
  - C. Witnessing for Christ. Acts 4:20; 1 Peter 3:15
- III. PHILIP AND NATHANAEAL FIND JESUS.** John 1:43-51
  - A. Personal Work for Christ. John 4:35-36; James 5:20
  - B. Faith in Christ. John 5:24; Romans 10:9-10
  - C. Glorified Christ. Matthew 16:27; Revelation 5:12

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAS, WHICH IS, BEING INTERPRETED, THE CHRIST.* John 1:41

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** John 2:1-11  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 2 Kings 4:1-7

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT.*  
John 2:5

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ the Son of God (Gospel of John)

**TOPIC:** THE WORKER OF MIRACLES

**INTRODUCTION:**

We as Christians certainly believe in Christ as the miracle worker. We know that these miracles recorded in Holy Scripture actually happened. We wonder that we do not see as many miracles performed today as there were in Jesus' time and in the early church. We may have the faith needed for miracles to happen and since they don't we think perhaps it was not God's will for us. But not so, with Jesus' mother. Although He answered her negatively, when she told Him the bridal party lacked wine, she still believed that there had to be wine. Her faith in Him was so strong that she turned to the servants and said, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Perhaps it is here where we lack and our hope for a miracle is discouraged. Mary did not give up, she went about doing something about it. She did not turn aside and wait, she acted. We too must act and expect. How can we hope for a miracle in someone's heart if we don't act, telling him of Jesus and His love?

Just praying for his conversion will not alone produce the miracle, but in obedience to God's will, act accordingly, especially in showing him love and by our walk of faith.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God manifests His power in unusual ways in response to faith and obedience.

Mary had experienced the help of God many times in her life. Her greatest experience was to become the mother of God's Son. In order to fulfill that seemingly impossible service to God, she could only say, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy Word." (Luke 1:38) When God asked of her and Joseph to flee into Egypt to save Jesus from Herod's wrath, they obeyed. When the angel told them to return to Israel, they returned. Thus, God's will and word were fulfilled because His servants obeyed.

So now Mary knew that in this smaller problem of no wine at the wedding, that obedience would be required before the Son of God would show His power. How foolish it must have seemed to the servants to fill the pots with water when they needed wine for the wedding guests. But they obeyed and the result was the best wine of all.

In all of our needs and concerns and also in the happier times, if we desire the blessings of God may we also heed the words of Mary, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." (John 2:5)

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 10 - 16**

- M. Christ's Miracle Stills a Storm. Matthew 8:18-27
- T. Christ's Miracle Teaches Obedience. Luke 5:1-11
- W. Christ's Miracle Cleanses a Leper. Luke 5:12-16
- T. Christ's Miracle Heals a Palsied Man. Luke 5:17-26
- F. Christ's Miracle Restores a Servant. Luke 7:1-10
- S. Christ's Miracle Resurrects a Son. Luke 7:11-17
- S. \*Christ's Wedding Miracle Brings Joy. John 2:1-11