

## **John 1:29–42**

**Theme: Christ is revealed through invitation. We follow not because we know everything, but because we are willing to come and see.**

### **Setting the Scene**

- John the Baptist is baptizing in the Jordan River
- People are waiting for God to act
- Israel is longing for redemption and clarity
- John points to Jesus and says, “Look, the Lamb of God”
- Revelation begins with witness, not explanation

### **Why “Lamb of God” Matters**

- Connects Jesus to Passover and deliverance
- Connects Jesus to sacrifice for sin
- Points to Isaiah’s suffering servant
- Shows that Jesus will deal with sin at its deepest level
- Grace is announced before anything is required

### **How Revelation Happens in This Text**

- God reveals Jesus to John through the Spirit
- John speaks what he has seen
- The disciples hear and respond
- Faith begins with movement, not certainty

### **The First Act of Discipleship**

- Two disciples hear John say, “Look, the Lamb of God”
- They do not ask for clarification
- They do not demand proof
- They follow Jesus
- Following comes before understanding

### **Jesus’ First Question**

- Jesus turns and asks, “What do you want?”
- This question invites reflection
- It asks what the heart is really seeking
- It is not a test, it is an invitation

### **The Disciples’ Answer**

- They ask, “Where are you staying?”
- They want to know where life with Jesus happens
- They are asking how to be with Him
- They are seeking relationship, not information

### **Jesus’ Invitation**

- “Come and see”
- Not an argument
- Not a lecture
- An invitation into experience
- Revelation happens through being with Jesus

### **What Happens When They Accept the Invitation**

- They go and see where Jesus is staying
- They spend time with Him
- Relationship comes before full understanding

- Faith grows through proximity

### **Andrew's Response**

- Andrew goes to find Simon
- He says, "We have found the Messiah"
- He brings Simon to Jesus
- Invitation multiplies through relationships

### **Jesus and Simon**

- Jesus sees Simon
- Jesus gives him a new name, Peter
- Jesus names who he is becoming
- Grace speaks identity before transformation is complete

### **What This Teaches About Discipleship**

- You do not have to know everything to follow
- You only have to be willing to come
- Faith is a journey, not a test
- Relationship comes before certainty

### **How Christ Is Revealed**

- Through witness
- Through invitation
- Through relationship
- Through walking with Him
- Through staying long enough to see

### **Wesleyan Lens**

- God's grace moves first
- God awakens the heart before the decision
- Faith is a response to grace
- Discipleship grows through continued yeses

### **Questions for Reflection**

- Where am I being invited to "come and see"?
- What am I really looking for?
- Who might God be asking me to bring to Jesus?
- What step is Jesus inviting me to take next?

### **Living the Text**

- Follow even when unsure
- Stay with Jesus long enough to be changed
- Point others toward Him
- Trust that revelation comes as you walk