

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 1 PT. 3: The Public Ministry of Jesus

John 1:35-51

Jesus' Public Ministry; First Converts

John 1:35-39 (NASB) – “³⁵ Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, ‘What are you seeking?’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day; it was about the tenth hour.”

Key: Immediately after John the Baptist baptized Jesus, Jesus began His ministry. This is why it is vital to seek the Lord for Purpose as soon as you come into the Revelation of who He is. Many have died and did not fulfill their Divine Purpose on the earth.

Question: What are the Divine Purpose killers?

- Disobedience.
- Fear (Rejection and Persecution).
- Doubt.
- Unbelief.

Understand: Moses taught us best how *we* can stop our Divine Purpose through disobedience.

The Waters of Meribah

Numbers 20:8 (NASB) – “Take the staff; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and *speak* to the rock before their eyes, that it shall yield its water. So you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and have the congregation and their livestock drink.”



To obey-(Hebrew)-sama-shaw-mah'- to hear intelligently, "shama" primarily means to hear, it also encompasses the idea of heeding, taking action, and being obedient. In essence, "to hear" in Hebrew can also imply "to obey".



Numbers 20:10-12 (KJV) – “And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.¹² And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye ***believed me not***, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, **therefore ye shall not** bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.”

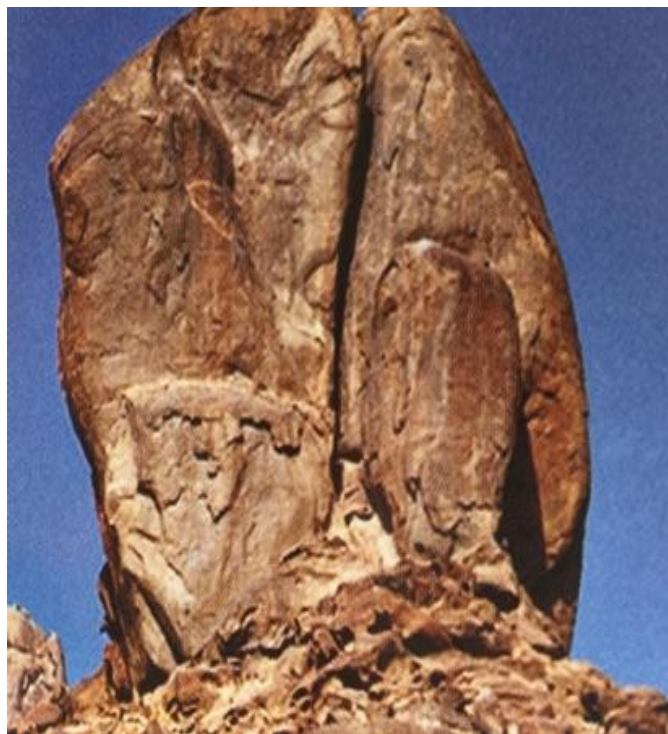
Aaron-(Death)-Aaron died on top of Mount Hor after G-d told Moses to take Aaron and his son Eleazar up Mount Hor and to remove Aaron's priestly garments and put them on Eleazar, as Aaron was to die there.

Moses-(Death)-Moses died on Mount Nebo in Moab, as instructed by G-d. The Bible states that Moses died at the "mouth of the Lord," which is interpreted as G-d allowing him to die, and that G-d Himself buried Moses in a valley in Moab. G-d instructed Moses to climb Mount Nebo to view the Promised Land, which he would not be allowed to enter.

Question: How could this happen to two men chosen by G-d to be the deliverer of Father's first Covenant children. Moses had already obeyed the voice of G-d concerning the same thing. He has seen this is not too hard for G-d **in Exodus 17:6-7:**

Exodus 17:6-7 (NASB) – “⁶‘Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷Then he named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the LORD among us, or not?’”

Note: A large rock formation in the desert, known as the "**Split Rock of Horeb**," is often cited as a potential candidate for the site where Moses struck the rock.



Answer: The answer comes from the wisest man to ever live.

Proverbs 14:12 (NASB) – “There is a way *which seems* right to a person, But its end is the way of death.”

Note: To obey G-d is to do exactly as He said, no more and no less, and to do it how and when He said!

Verses 35-37

John 1:35-37 (NASB) – “³⁵ Again, the next day John was standing with two of **his** disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ And the two disciples **heard him speak**, and they followed Jesus.”

Key: The moment John the Baptist pointed out and identified Jesus, or when He was *revealed* to his disciples, they **IMMEDIATELY** began to follow Yeshua.

Understanding: Father’s plan for you can’t be done in your timing.

Immediately-(Webster’s)-instantly, (The action happens without any lapse of time.) **at the present time, without delay**, without any intervening time or space (Nothing is put between the moment the action is intended and the moment it occurs).

Jesus Wants To Know, “What Are You Seeking?”

Verse 38

John 1:38 (NASB) – “And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, ‘**What are you seeking?**’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?’”

Let’s Pause and Look at Israel

Jesus Gave Israel A Promise and Us (Message to the Jews in Exiles in Babylonian Captivity for 70 Years)

Jeremiah 29:13-14 (NASB) – “¹³ ‘And you will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will let Myself be found by you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’”

“SEEK ME”

- Not seek a place to go weekly.
- Not seek who makes your flesh feel good.
- Not seek who can keep you entertained for an hour.
- Not seek where I can meet someone.
- Not seek who is the most anointed speaker.
- Not seek who can watch my kids for an hour.

“SEEK ME”

“Ask My Children This Question:

Do you want a king, or do you want a King?” Selah.



1 Samuel 8:4-6 (AMP) – “⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, ‘Look, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint us a king to judge us [and rule over us] like all the other nations.’ ⁶ But their demand displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to judge *and* rule over us.’ So Samuel prayed to the LORD.”

G-d’s Response

1 Samuel 8:7 (AMP) – “⁷ The LORD said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being King over them.’”

The First To Follow



Verses 39-42

John 1:39-42 (NASB) – “³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day; it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, ‘**We have found the Messiah**’ (which translated means **Christ**). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).”

Write This Down: Disciples Make Disciples.

Note: These new converts to Jesus are following the same blueprint of John the Baptist, “Pointing the way to the One”. Andrew found his brother Peter and *immediately* brought him to Jesus.

Verses 43-45

John 1:43-45 (NASB) – “⁴³ The next day He decided to go to Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, ‘**Follow Me.**’ ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found Him of whom Moses wrote in the Law, and the prophets *also wrote*: Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth!’”



Key: Your witness of Jesus should be immediate!

- You don't need permission to witness.
- You don't need to be baptized first.
- Your Witness is simply telling others of the impact of Jesus in your own life.
- Your Witness is not your ministry: it is your Purpose.

Note: Jesus found Philip, Philip found Nathanael. Jesus can come to you directly!

Question: Why is it not done like this by every new convert?

Answer: The Wisdom of Men.

Understanding: I was watching CBN and the stories about the rise in Bible sales and how Gen Z is seeking the Lord but not through traditional means they are starting read the Bible and seeking the Lord **for themselves**.

- **Baby Boomers:** Born 1946–1964
- **Generation X:** Born 1965–1980
- **Millennials (Gen Y):** Born 1981–1996
- **Generation Z:** Born 1997–2012

Note: Generation Z (Gen Z), also known as the iGeneration or Zoomers, encompasses individuals born **between 1997 and 2012**. In 2025, this means, GenZ's are **between 13 and 28 years old**.

I PAUSED

I asked Holy Spirit, “Why this was happening?”

I heard **Holy Spirit** Give The Answer “Why” So Clear:

“If you are drowning, you don’t want someone who does not know how to swim to jump in and save you!” The Holy Spirit said, “Show them the visual”!



John 1:46 (NASB) – “⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good be from Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’”

Note: Rejection did not faze Philip because he had a Revelation!

John 1:47-49 (NASB) – “⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!’ ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to Him, ‘How do You know me?’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.’ ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered Him, ‘Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel!’”

Note: Jesus was not put off by the lack of faith in Nathanael; babies need to see something. The Lord knows just what it will take to reveal Himself to His children.

- A Direct Divine Encounter.
- A Prophetic Word of Knowledge or Wisdom.
- Holy Spirit.
- The Bible.

“If you Seek Me, You will find Me!”

Verses 49-50

John 1:49-50 (NASB) – “⁴⁹ Nathanael answered Him, ‘Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel!’ ⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.’”

Key: Father knows the need and shall supply! That’s Good News!

Verse 51

John 1:51 (NASB) – “⁵¹ And He said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.’”

Note: The Apostle John ends Chapter 1 with Yeshua referencing His own Divinity. Let’s look at all the titles of Jesus given to us through John:

- “The Word”
- “The Lamb of God” (*Agnus Dei*)
- “The Son of God”
- “Rabbi”
- “Messiah”
- “King of Israel”
- “Son of Man”

Important: Many in the New Testament Church, the Jews, as well as scholars, and even today, some do not receive the title “Lamb of God”.



Question: Why?

Answer: Because the Title, “*Lamb of God*” only appears in the New Testament and, only by the Apostle John in the **Gospel of John (John 1:29 and 36)** and in the **Book of Revelation where Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of G-d 28 times!**

Understanding: The Wisdom of Man will always be in opposition to the Wisdom of G-d! This was a barrier for many. Many felt that if it were not passed down through the writings and the Prophets, then it could not have come from the G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Key: This is why you must seek the Lord for YOURSELF! You cannot let the wisdom of any man put Jesus in a box! He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Get to know Him for yourself!

The End