

Resurrection Author LORD
I AM Christ
bread of life
Beginning and the End
Good Shepherd SAVIOR
Messiah

SON OF
the beloved man
OUR Light
HOPE cornerstone
Teacher Life
King of the Jews

RIGHTEOUS ONE Friend TRUTH
Everlasting Father Great
FIRST AND Physician
LAST
faithful and true
Alpha and witness
Omega JESUS
high priest
Friend
Holy One
master

Son of the Most High
Bright & MORNING STAR
counselor Author of
LOVE Salvation
true vine
Heir Shield & Potter
of all Buckler
ROCK
Righteousness Alpha
of Judah lamb without blemish
Living Water
Savior wonderful

in His Name

John 1:35-51

**We just witnessed
the birth of the Church.**

“The Gospel according to John, in our present first chapter, begins with the Evangelist’s majestic Prologue, explaining Jesus’ coming cosmically; it continues with the Baptist’s Inaugurating Sermons, introducing Jesus’ coming historically; and it concludes with Jesus’ gathering of His first disciples and, so, with a description of the birth of the Church.”

Frederick Dale Bruner

The Gospel of John: A Commentary

**What we are doing here
today is the very same
thing that happened in
John 1:35-39.**

We are here to find Jesus.

We are here to find Life.

A very modern, very local translation of John 1:35-37

“The next day, Sunday, February 11th, Pastor Jody was there again —up on the platform preaching. Gathered with him were hundreds of dedicated Christ-followers, as well as others looking for hope and a touch from God.

“Every aspect of the service—every prayer...every song...every Scripture... every word in the sermon...the sharing of communion—everything pointed to Jesus.

The message was unified, clear,
passionate, and strong:

‘Look at Jesus! Look for Him! He’s here!’

When those who were sincere about listening heard this—they followed Jesus.”

**“The moral of verses 35-37 is this:
Preacher, return to your meeting place with
Christ; stand there with your most serious
friends; and wait for Him to walk by again.
Especially interested people of God, join your
Christ-centered preachers—and hear and obey
together the One pointed to, seen, and
experienced there.”**

Frederick Dale Bruner

The Gospel of John: A Commentary

Jesus is here.

Matthew 18:20

*“For where two or three
gather in my name,
there am I with them.”*

And He has a
Question for you—

John 1:38a

“What do you want?”

We are what we want.

John 1:38b

***“Rabbi...Teacher...Jesus —
where are you staying?”***

John 1:39 NIV

“‘Come,’ He replied, ‘and you will see.’ So they went and saw where He was staying, and they spent that day with Him. It was about four in the afternoon.”

John 1:39 [Bruner Commentary]

“Jesus says to them, ‘Come and you will see.’ So they came and saw where He is staying, and they stayed with Him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.”

This is happening today.

Right now.

Jesus is saying to YOU—

“Come and you will see!”

The very first "Church Service" started at 4pm.
At an anonymous home.

On a weekday.

Attended by 3 people:
Jesus, Andrew, & John.



*The Birthday
of the
Church!*

We don't know what "church"
looked like that evening,
but we know what happened.

John 1:40-42 NIV

“Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter [—or Rocky].”



**John [the Preacher] told
his listeners.**

Andrew told his brother Simon.

And here in verses 43-51...

Philip told his friend Nathanael.

“The last third of John 1 is about people ‘finding’ Jesus or, more precisely, it is about Jesus finding people through His people.

**The three great means Jesus uses in His Church’s earliest (and surely continuing) outreach are described:
Jesus uses Preacher Evangelism to Create His Church
Jesus uses Family Evangelism to Build His Church
Jesus uses Friendship Evangelism to Extend His Church”**

Frederick Dale Bruner

The Gospel of John: A Commentary

Jesus finding
people through
His people

**I
Tell
You**

**So that
you will
tell others**

**Who
will tell
others**

Discipleship

**Our #1 goal on this earth
is to make disciples.**



Church!

Every aspect of this service—

Every prayer.

Every song.

Every Scripture.

Every word in the sermon.

Sharing in communion.

Everything points to Jesus.

Look at Jesus! Look for Him! He's here!

Look at Jesus!

Look for Him!

He's here!

