

MORE THAN ONE WAY
John 1:35-51

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Turn to John 1...

Give title...

John 14:6, Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, the life. No man comes to the Father but through Me.” – Clearly, there is only ONE way to God, one way to Heaven. – We have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one hope, one gospel. – There is only one way to God, and that is through faith in Christ.

BUT HOW do you get to Christ? – How do people come to faith?

For that, there is more than one way. – People come to faith in Christ along many different paths.

Just look around: No two of us have identical testimonies. – Listen to baptisms; listen to salvation stories at our members’ meetings. – No two are the same.

One God, one Saviour Jesus, one saving gospel. – YET MANY ways by which that gospel reached you. – Which is exactly what we’ll see illustrated in our passage today.

☒ *When we fail to appreciate the diverse ways that Christ calls people, we create a culture of cookie-cutter conversions and generic testimonies.* –

People whose conversion doesn’t fit the norm start wondering if they’re saved. – People who’ve had the standard ‘experience’ assume they must be saved. – Meanwhile, we fear that lost people can only be saved in the same way as so-and-so.

Our next section of John’s Gospel will debunk that myth.

Stand, Read & Pray:

In small groups this week, you may discuss how this passage harmonises with the call of the disciples in the other Gospels. – I think you’ll find that interesting.

Here in John 1, we see Jesus doing exactly what He said He came to do – “to seek & save the lost” (Lk. 19:10). – In a mere 3 days of Jesus’ early ministry, we see five conversions in quick succession.

☒ We see how determined Christ is to summon sinners, to confront the lost, to stop you in your tracks and change the entire direction of your life.

****FOUR CONVERSION ACCOUNTS (of 5 converts) – that teach us the various ways that Christ saves & calls & comes to us:***

These are three of the most phenomenal days in the history of the Church. – Here is the very birthplace of Christianity, the first followers of Jesus, the 5 founding converts of what is now (20 centuries later) the world’s largest religion (now claimed by some 2 billion, 33% of the world’s population).

1. vv. 35-39, ANDREW & JOHN (saved through preaching) – Lesson: *Christ probes & invites you.*

v. 40 tells us this is Andrew and another “disciple”. – Hmmm, wonder who the other, anonymous disciple might be?... That’s right, it’s a dead giveaway, the Apostle John.

☒ BTW, after John’s first sermon, summed up in v. 29, we heard of no results on that day. – But John was persistent, as we too must be in our witnessing. – Same message, same method of proclaiming, often to the same people. – “In due season, you shall reap”. – And so John did:

vv. 35-36 – NB, v. 36a, Not just “he saw Jesus”, but “he looked/gazing at Jesus as He walked by”. – Decades later, the apostle John could still remember that look. – John the Baptist, the voice, the witness, didn’t just tell others to “Behold the Lamb”. – He too “beheld”, he exemplified this saving, life-giving look at Christ.

John probably had one hand pointing at Christ, with the other hand on his two disciples. – As A.W. Pink puts it: *There, in actual bodily form, was the One for whom the ages had waited. There, within reach of their own eyes, was the Son of God, who was to offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin.*

There, right before them, was He of whom one of these very two men later wrote, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, [concerning] the Word of Life" (1 John 1:1).

Reread: v. 36...

~ One old saint used to love telling his church family, ‘Now you folks all know I was saved ‘cause of my good looks. I took one good look at myself, and then ten good looks at Jesus!’...

☒ That’s the only way YOU will ever be saved either.

v. 37 – Has this happened to you yet? – Have you gone from seeing & hearing, to actually “following”? – Are you just passively observing Jesus, or are you actively responding to Him? –

That’s the only way you can know that someone has not just glanced at Christ out of curiosity, or temporary emotion. – You know they’ve looked to Christ in a saving way when they “follow” Him in obedience.

☒ What does the name “Christian” mean? – “Christ follower” (not just ‘nice person’, religious, believes in God, knows the Bible, etc.).

BUT how about John the Baptist in all this? – v. 35, these were “his disciples”, but not any longer.

If you were John the Baptist, how would you have felt? – For a year already, you’d been pouring yourself into these two men. – Living in the desert together, roughing it in ministry – you’d become close friends. – Then, all of a sudden, they’re gone. – Jesus arrives, and you’re done, left behind, waving goodbye.

ACTUALLY, John was thrilled, as we'll learn in chp. 3. – This moment was the whole goal of his ministry, his entire focus!

John had baptised these repentant men, taught them about Messiah's coming, explained how they must prepare their hearts for his arrival, etc. – At last, the time had come.

Reread: v. 37...

☒ Lesson: *To the extent that my discipling of others is self-focussed, I will battle with jealousy, envy, and regret. – BUT to the extent that my discipling of others is Christ-focused, I will rejoice in God's work in their life, even when He's using someone else.*

NB, from this point on in our passage, and in all of John's 21 chps, John the Baptist fades to backstage and soon disappears. – In one verse, Jesus has gone from a passerby to the main actor on centre stage.

v. 38a – And so this question rings out across the ages. – In the Gospels, rarely do the crowds come to Jesus for the right reasons.

Out of the 2 billion today that profess Christ, how many of them came to Him for the right reason – out of true repentance of sin and confession of guilt and fear of God's wrath, crying out for the only Lamb of God to take away their sin? –

Repeat: v. 38a, "What do you seek?" – '*Christ probes & invites you.*'

+ Hold up brochure from Friday night's meeting in Honeydew: 'A Night of Sprinkling: Power in the Blood of Jesus' – Two testimonies on back: Juliet came to this church and got a job, and had a lump removed from her body. – Evelyn came to this church and then won a case against her ex-boyfriend, and she was healed of a bodily discharge....

Repeat: v. 38, "What do you seek?"

☒ This is a searching question for every one of us, at every stage of life. – Are you just dabbling in religion, or are you desperate for God? – Are you just trying out Jesus, or are you eager to know Him and love Him? – Are you looking for mere earthly relief, or for a heavenly Saviour?

Repeat: v. 38, "What do you seek?"

Andrew & John give the right answer, a very heartfelt & touching one:

v. 38b – They were asked a "What" question; but they gave a "WHO" answer. – They wanted time with Jesus, they wanted a relationship with the Master. – Not just the blessing, but the Blessor Himself; not His, but Him!

v. 39 – It was all still so vivid in the Apostle John's mind, decades later. – The day, even the hour, when he met the Lord!

Imagine all their burning questions they'd stored up for Jesus that evening (Was 4pm; did any of them sleep that night?!):

'Rabbi, for the past year, we've been studying and analysing OT prophecy with John the Baptist. Are you the Suffering Servant of Isaiah? Are you the final Passover Lamb that we need? Are you the One prophesied by Moses? Are You the Crusher who would bruise the Serpent? When will you set up your kingdom? How do we get on board?!'

So Jesus says, "Come, and you will see." – *Christ probes & invites you.*

☒ Two of the first words uttered by Jesus in all of John's Gospel: "Come and see". – Christ has been saying the same ever since that day, to lost sinners 'round the world, and right here [this AM]:

'Come & see who I am. Come and hear My Word, listen to my teaching, decide for yourself. Don't just sit & listen. Come & see. If you seek Me you will find Me, if you seek Me with all your heart.

'Don't settle for hearsay or second-hand data. Check it out for yourself. Face the facts of history. Let the Word of God speak straight to you, firsthand. Come & see.'

'Don't take a leap into the 'dark'. Take a leap into the light, the light of truth, the light of God's Word. Come & see.'

Christ probes & invites you.

2. vv. 40-42, PETER (saved through personal witness) – *Christ sends, knows & names you.*

v. 40 – In fact, this was how Andrew would forever be known, as "Peter's brother". – He was overshadowed by his much more visible and dominant brother. –

YET God chose to save Andrew first, and sent him to reach his brother.

v. 41 – One evening's conversation with Christ, and Andrew was convinced. – What he'd read in the OT for years, what he'd heard from John the Baptist for months, all came to a climax in this exclamation: "We have found the Christ!"

Messiah/Christ = Hbr, "Mashiach", Grk, *Christos*, both = "Anointed One". – NB, not "AN" anointed, as with priests and kings of old. – No, He would be "THE" Anointed, THE Prophet, The Priest, The King sent by God.

The long-awaited, promised Deliverer, in the line of David. – A Lord to rule us, a Teacher to guide, a Rescuer to save. –

What Peter first learns here from Andrew, Peter himself would one day famously declare: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Mk. 8/Matt 16)

+ Sir James Simpson was the Scottish doctor who discovered the anaesthetic properties of chloroform. – Modern anaesthetics owes its existence to Sir Simpson, so that you don't have to be awake while they're cutting on you! –

Once a group of young scientists approached the highly respected Dr. Simpson and asked him, 'What do you count as the most outstanding discovery you have ever made?' –

With tears welling up in his eyes, Simpson lifted his head and said, 'Young men, the greatest discovery I have ever made is that Jesus Christ is my Savior; that is by far the most important thing a person can ever come to know!'

+ Greater than any other earthly discovery – greater than the joy of the miner when the gold glistens in his pan, or the joy of a young couple on the night of their engagement, or the joy of a soldier who returns home safely after a fierce battle –

MORE than all those joys *combined* is this joy – the joy of a redeemed soul that grasps his brother by the hand and says (v. 41), "We have found the Messiah!"

O the wonder of those words, the joy of that discovery! – Doubt ceases, fears gone, guilt removed, peace fills your heart and a song is on your lips: "We have found the Messiah!"

Friend, do YOU know this joy?...

☒ IF so, HOW THEN could you ever keep such a discovery, such a joy, to yourself?! – 'Christ sends you':

Here's a great way to know if you are truly saved? – Kids, adults: Do you tell others about Christ?... You know that whatever you love, you speak about. – What's most important to you, you CANNOT stay quiet about....

~ Spurgeon, 'Every Christian is either a missionary, or an imposter.'

~ D.A. Carson writes, Andrew [& Philip, v. 45] "become the first in a long line of successors who have discovered that the most common and effective Christian testimony is the private witness of friend to friend, brother to brother." – And John would soon do the same with his brother James, the sons of Zebedee.

☒ It's called *the law of personal influence*. – It's how God works! – It's how the Church has grown from that day until now, from 5 converts to over 2 billion who profess Christ's name!

+ A tragic story is told about a dying man upon his death-bed who was visited by his Christian brother. – The dying man said to his brother, "My time has come. I know that I am lost, but I cannot help putting some of my ruin at your door. I believe you to be a Christian, I know you to be a Christian, but I do not recollect that you ever solemnly addressed me about my soul."

"You believed I was perishing, and yet you did not speak to me; therefore, as I cannot conceive you to be inhumane--for you were always a kind brother--I suspect you do not believe, as you say you do."

His brother said, "But I was afraid of offending you. Yet I did speak to you once or twice."

The brother replied, “You ought to have taken me by the shoulders. You ought not to have let me be lost. I cannot acquit you.” – And then he died.

God forbid that this would ever happen to you by the death bed of one of your siblings. – *‘Christ sends you’*.

☒ Imagine if Andrew had never witnessed to his brother Peter? – Imagine if Peter has spent the rest of his life as just a Galilean fisherman, instead of the great apostle & missionary & preacher & foundation-layer of Christianity. – How blessed we are today all because of Andrew’s simple obedience in telling his sibling about Christ. –

Beloved, you NEVER know how God may use your simple obedience to bear fruit for centuries to follow, across the globe! – Sunday school teacher – you never know if one of your boys or girls in class may not be the next David Livingstone or William Carey or Hudson Taylor.

Just keep sowing those seeds, and trust God for a great harvest in His time! – *‘Christ sends you’*.

v. 42 – Imagine the effect this must’ve had on Peter. – Looks like it might’ve silenced even him, the boisterous big talker. – Lesson #2: *‘Christ sends & knows & names you.’*

No one is a complete stranger to Christ. – Especially His elect: “The Lord knows them that are His” (2 Tim. 1).

Sometimes, when God wants especially to use a certain person in His saving plan, He renames them: Abram became Abraham. – Sarai became Sarah. – Jacob became Israel. – Simon became “Cephas”, the Aramaic, or “Petros”, both = Rock/Stone. – The original Rocky.

What grace, what power! – That over the next 3 years, Christ would take Peter, this impulsive, volatile, unreliable Galilean and turn him into the great apostle. –

That God’s Spirit would take this rural fisherman and have him preach at Pentecost the most powerful Christian sermon ever. – What hope this gives the rest of us, if God can do this with Peter!...

☒ *‘Christ sends you, knows you & names you.’* – Christ is Lord, so He has all authority – authority to *choose your name, to assign your role, to define your identity.* –

Christian, can you accept that? – What name, what role, what identity in life could be better than what Christ gives you? – None could be better, nothing more fulfilling & rewarding than a life spent in the service of such a Lord!

3. vv. 43-44, PHILIP (saved through no one!) – *Christ summons you to follow.*

vv. 43-44 – NB, HOW was Philip saved? – Not through preaching, not through personal evangelism. – But directly by Christ, apart from any human instrument being mentioned here.

+ We've all heard stories of people who simply read a Gideon's Bible in a hotel, or alone in their room one night, and God comes down and they are saved. – All alone, they hear the call of Christ: "Follow Me". –

It's the exception, but it does happen.

☒ What an encouragement: In times when there are few faithful preachers and "a famine of hearing the word of the Lord", in times where Christians are too apathetic to do personal witnessing as they ought –

In spite of all that, 'God's arm is not too short to save'! – Still He summons the lost to follow Him. – Christ builds His Church, still His kingdom advances, still His Word goes forth, still His elect are brought in.

☒ "Follow Me." – Two words that sum up all of Christian discipleship, all of the Christian life. – I.e., Jesus says, 'Attach yourself to me. Walk with Me. Submit to My lead, surrender to My authority, join Me in My cause and my coming kingdom.'

Christ summons you to follow.

Philip would've known of Rabbis that would be approached by eager disciples. – And he would've known that such Rabbis would exhort their disciples to 'Follow Torah, follow God's Law.'

BUT then along comes this Rabbi like no other! – Philip didn't come to Him; no, Christ comes to Philip. – And He didn't ask Him just to follow the Law, or pass an exam. – He said, "Follow Me", commit yourself to a lifelong relationship of loyal affection for Jesus, the Son of God.

Christ summons you to follow.

4. vv. 45-51, NATHANAEL (saved through personal witness & sovereign election) – Christ sees you & connects you with God.

Philip and Nathanael must've been good friends. – Together, they probably wrestled with life's mysteries, in light of their Jewish Scriptures, the OT. – Perhaps they would sit together under Nathanael's favourite fig tree and ponder:

'When will Messiah come, when will He break the yoke of Rome? Who is this John the Baptist, and what should we make of his bold preaching & call for repentance? What does the OT mean with all its prophecies of Messiah, of One who would both suffer but also reign? Is it time?'

+ Philip & Nathanael were like old Simeon & Anna 30 yrs earlier, waiting for Messiah to come. – When baby Jesus was brought to the Temple and they rejoiced in God's salvation, the Hope of Israel, a Light to the nations!

v. 45 – Again, the greatest of all discoveries – finding Him, the Pearl of great price, the Friend above all others, the priceless Treasure.

Repeat: v. 45b, "Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote" – From the Crusher promised to Adam & Eve, to the ram caught in the thicket to die instead of Isaac, to the shadows of the Tabernacle & priests & blood sacrifices – all points to Christ.

Every priest & judge, every deliverer & king was a figure, pointing to the greater One to come, One who would be both David's Lord and David's son.

v. 45, "HIM of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote"!

v. 46a – Remember Nazareth in the OT? – No, doesn't feature, not once, not in any prophecy. –

Was a little village of some 2,000 people.

+ Village outside Polokwane (on road to Tzaneen), named "Nobody". – Could they not think of any better name than that?! – Talk about a creativity shortage! – Imagine being from there?!...

So it was with Nazareth, the "Nobody" of its day. – 'How could our great Messiah come out of such an insignificant place?'

v. 46b – Where did Philip learn to invite & compel sinners like this? From Christ Himself (v. 39). –

Think about it: What if Philip had reacted differently to Nathanael's doubts? Rebuked him for his unbelief? Tried to argue & convince him with evidence? – It could've only pushed Nathanael away further. – Instead, Philip boldly invites him:

'Come & see for yourself. What right have you to criticise a Man you've never met? Meet Him first, then judge for yourself. We've got nothing to hide, no secrets, no hidden agenda.'

'If Jesus is truly Messiah, He can handle the worst sceptics and withstand the closest scrutiny. Come & see.'

☒ A true example for us in our evangelism today....

☒ NB again, this law of personal influence, the gospel spreading in concentric circles.

+ You know how bee-hunters operate? – He puts a piece of honeycomb into a box, and catches a bee. He then covers the box, and very soon the bee fills himself with the honey. – Then he lets the bee loose, and guess what?...

Mr Bee goes home and brings back all his friends. – Soon, the box is swarming with bees!

O that we would evangelise more like that! – 'Look what we have found!'...

☒ Christian, do you realise: There are some who will never hear a sermon (me), but will gladly listen to you! – They've slept through a 1,000 sermons, but one loving word from you, telling them of Christ, could wake them from their slumber and rescue their soul eternally!...

v. 47 – ‘*Christ sees you.*’ – What a compliment, from the omniscient, all-knowing Lord Himself: I.e., ‘Nathanael, you are a true Jew, not just outwardly, but inwardly. You have a circumcised heart. You have what most Jews lacked, then & now:’

‘You are not like your forefather, Jacob, the deceiver, the schemer. No, Nathanael, you are “without guile” = A man of integrity, not two-faced, not a phony. – ‘Your motives are pure, your intentions sincere, your seeking honest.’

There, in a nation of hypocrites, a nation of self-righteous pretenders, Jesus makes this stunning observation: v. 47b...

v. 48a – Understandably, Nathanael is startled by Jesus’ prior knowledge. – So Jesus decides to shock him further:

v. 48b – I.e., Christ saying, ‘I know you inside (v. 47c) and out (v. 48). Nothing escapes Me.’

Later on, Jesus will say to his disciples, “You did not choose me, but I chose you” (John 15:16). – “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” – “All that the Father gives Me will come to me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out” (John 6:44, 37).

☒ Don’t misunderstand me: You must choose Christ. – But after you do, you must also reach a point where you realise: He chose me first. –

Reread: v. 48... ‘*Christ sees you.*’

[~ “To meet Jesus is meet the One who knows us through and through, to Whom we need not (and dare not) pretend, and in Whom we can place our complete trust and confidence.” (+ Like you do with a Dr. who knows & understands your physical condition)]

v. 49 – Hmmm, what a change: From “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”, now to this! –

☒ Don’t you love the way that Christ can makes us eat our words, and swallow hard on our previous objections?!...

Here is one of the earliest of Christian creeds & confessions! – Twin messianic titles used here, both of them:

(a) Son of God = Another Messianic title – As we saw already in vv. 14 & 18, Christ was God’s “only begotten, one of a kind”, sent “from the bosom of the Father”.

In 2 Sam. 7, when King David said he wanted to build a house for God, God replied, ‘No, I will build a house for you, a royal dynasty. Through your offspring, the king will come. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.’

As Psalm 2 prophesied of this Messiah-King who would come, God would say to Him, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’

As the angel announced to Mary in Lk. 1:35, “The child to be born will be called holy —*the Son of God.*”

(b) King of Israel = Yet another Messianic title: As Ps. 2 also prophesied from God’s mouth, “As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, my holy hill.” – This coming One would establish God’s kingdom, defeat God’s enemies, restore God’s people. –

He would inherit the nations and rule them with a rod of iron. – He would be the King over all kings. – Nathanael was the first ever to begin to recognise this!

v. 50 – I.e., ‘Nate, we’re barely getting started! What I’m going to do over the next 3 yrs will astound you. It’s going to be bigger and better, and different, than you expect. But you will SEE it, with your very own eyes.’

As we’ll see even next week, chp. 2, water into wine.

‘Christ sees you & connects you with God.’

v. 51a – First time in John for Jesus to use this solemn formula & introduction. – I.e., ‘Verily, verily’, certainly and undoubtedly.

v. 51b – Perhaps under that fig tree, what Nathanael had been reading was Genesis 28 and the story of Jacob’s vision? – Either way, it was a story any Jew would’ve known well:

+ Mr. Deceiver, Jacob, was on the run. – He had lied to steal the blessing from his brother Esau. – Now Esau wanted to kill him, so Jacob must flee. – One night in the wilderness, all he had to sleep on was a stone.

That night, Jacob had a dream: He saw a ladder, with angels ascending & descending on it. – Then the Lord stood above the ladder and spoke to Jacob, reassuring him of all His covenant promises. – Jacob awoke and said,

‘Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it. ...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, ‘Beth-el’, and this is the gate of heaven.’

BUT NOW, God has a new Bethel, a new meeting place between us and Him, and a new ladder:

v. 51b – No longer is it a place or a thing; now it is a Person, Jesus. With Adam & Eve, we’ve been banished from the first Paradise. – With Jacob, we often live in guilty fear. – Yet our God is gracious, a God of great mercy. –

In Christ, God drops down His ladder. – In Christ, the angels invite us to follow Him, and to approach God through Christ. –

NB, now the angels are going up & down “on the Son of Man”, not on a ladder! – God has now come to us in Jesus. – Heaven has opened, and Jesus has appeared. – He is the new meeting place between Heaven’s fullness and earth’s need!

Jesus is saying to Nathanael, ‘I AM the final, decisive link with Heaven. Both upward and downward. When we move heavenward, we move on the Son of Man. When God moves earthward, He moves on the Son of Man.’

If you want a true God-encounter God, follow Jesus. – ‘Christ sees you & connects you with God.’

WHY Son of Man ? = Jesus’ favourite name for Himself, used over 80x in the Gospels, usually by Jesus about Himself. – Why His favourite?...

From Dan. 7 – the vision of God, the Ancient of Days, granting an international kingdom & everlasting dominion to “one like the Son of Man”, a Messiah figure.

It seems Jesus like this name because it was multi-faceted and appropriate for His earthly ministry. – The “Son of Man” would be a divine-human figure. – It was a title that both revealed & concealed. – It was Messianic, yet also mysterious.

As the Gospels progress, we also find that Jesus Himself slowly clarifies and defines what “Son of Man” ultimately meant. – It wasn’t the Messiah they expected. – This “Son of Man” came to “serve, not to be served, and to give His life a ransom for many”. – This “Son of Man” would have to be lifted up on a cross to suffer before reigning.

Using this title with Nathanael was probably a way to start preparing him for the unexpected, for what it would mean to follow the true Messiah, God’s Suffering Servant, the “Son of Man”.

QUESTION: WHY do we almost never hear of Nathanael after this in the Gospels? – You’ll also discuss this in small groups this week. You may be surprised!...

CONCL. – Title, “More Than One Way” – Repeat 4 points & lessons...

Likewise, we know Christ by *more than one name*. – NB, Christ here saves & calls men that no impressive earthly qualifications. – They were very ordinary, mostly fishermen, the businessmen & labourers of the day. – BUT here was the one qualification they had to have:

They had to know Jesus’ name. – They had to understand who Christ was, to begin grasping the identity of this One they now followed.

Remember, that’s the whole point of John’s Gospel, and of every passage & every chapter in this book: 20:31, “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you have life in His name.”

That’s why this first chapter is a crash-course in Christology. – Have you noticed? – John 1 is packed with names of Jesus, it is Christ-saturated! – I count at least FOURTEEN different names/titles/roles for Jesus here.

☒ I want you to explore these in small groups this week, and see how many you come up with.

Just in today’s passage (to give you a huge headstart!), we are immersed in *9 different names/roles of Jesus*: (1) Lamb of God; (2) Rabbi; (3) the Messiah/Christ; (4) Lord who summons, elects, knows & names; (5) One that Moses & the Prophets spoke of; (6) the Son of God; (7) King of Israel; (8) the Ladder to Heaven; (9) the Son of Man.

+ I recently saw some professional athletes being interviewed by a pastor who asked them one question, “Who is Jesus?” – Their answers revealed the crisis in the modern church. – It was mostly about Jesus the therapist, Jesus the life coach, Jesus your friend. – Almost no mention of any of the biblical titles for Jesus whatsoever.

☒ HOW would you answer: “Who is Jesus?” –

The answer to that question explains why we follow Him and give Him our lives.

PRAY

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by my title, “More Than One Way”? Why is it important to see that God saves people through one gospel but in many differing ways?
2. How did you come to faith in Christ – what is your unique story of God’s saving grace in your life? Which of these five first disciples could you relate to most, and why?
3. How have you seen God use preaching to convert? How have you seen God use personal witnessing to win souls? And when have you seen God use no one, but directly convert a person through His Word while they’re alone?
4. How would you have felt as John the Baptist if two of the men you closely disciples left to follow Christ?
5. How does Jesus’ question, “What do you seek” still ring out today to the masses that claim to be Christian and go to church?
6. What can we learn from the evangelistic method of Andrew and of Philip in using the ‘law of personal influence’ to reach a sibling or friend?
7. What is the greatest discovery or breakthrough you’ve ever had in your life?
8. Review all of John 1 – How many names/titles/roles of Christ are given there?!