

Come and See Jesus

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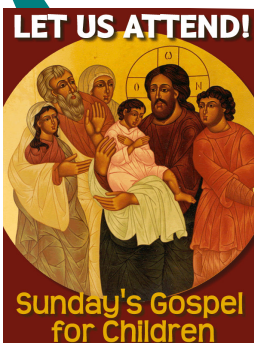
many people followed John the Baptist. They wanted to hear him teach. John taught that a very important person was coming who would lead them to God. This person was called the "Messiah." When John saw Jesus, he knew he was the Messiah. He told his followers that when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God." This meant that John knew Jesus was the very important person they had all been waiting for.

As Jesus walked around that area, he found men that he especially wanted to teach. These men would become his disciples. Jesus knew who these men were, even though he had never met them. Here are the names of the disciples in this gospel passage: Andrew, and his brother Simon Peter. Philip and his friend, Nathanael.



Thinking About God's Word . . . John 1:35-51

1. Who was the person that many people followed?
2. Why did they follow him?
3. There was a very important person that they were waiting for—what was this person called?
4. Jesus found men that he especially wanted to teach.
5. Can you name one of these men?
6. Jesus is the Son of God.



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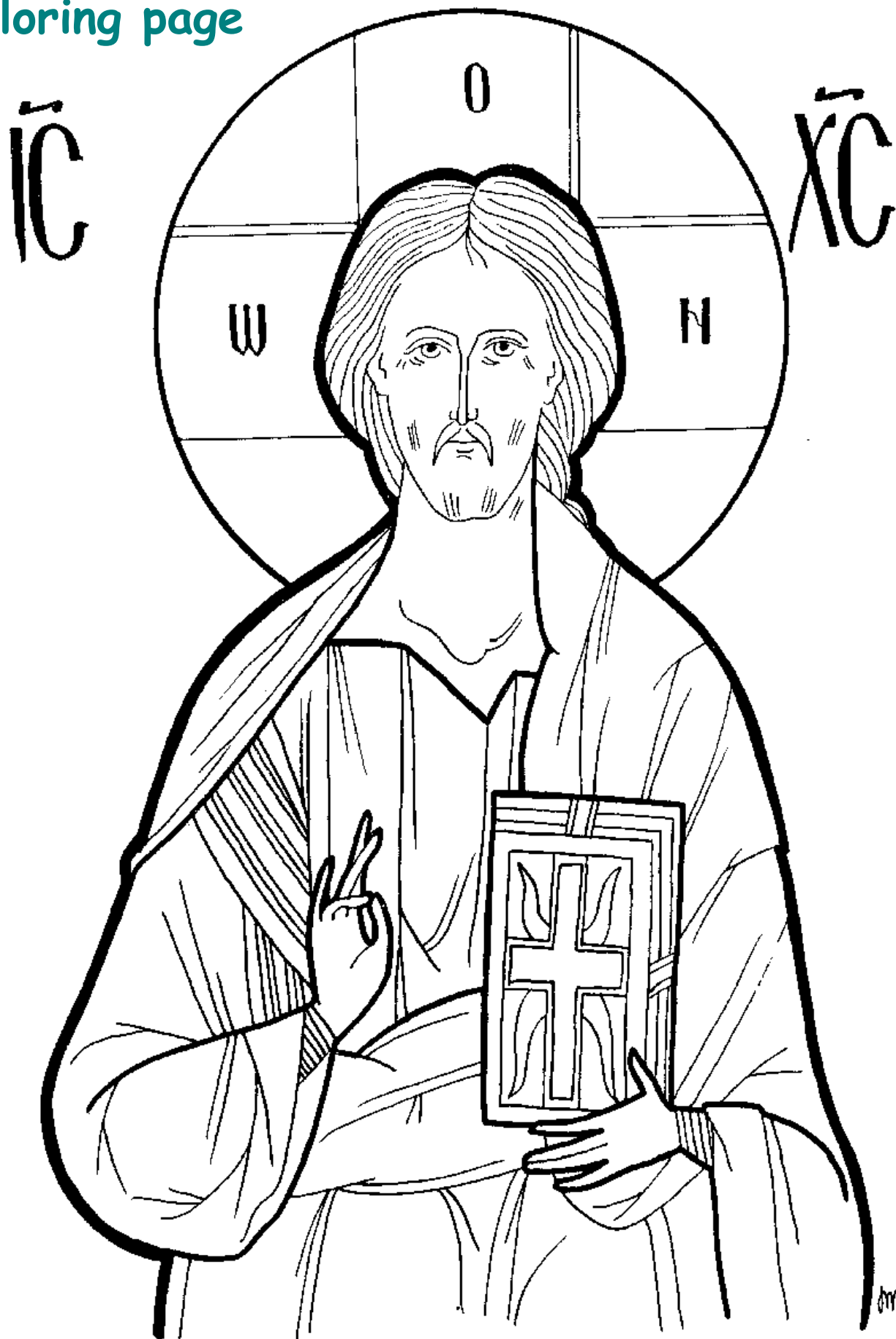
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Come and See



One day,

John was with his disciples. Our Lord Jesus Christ walked by. John said, "Look, there goes the Lamb of God." When they heard this, two of John's disciples left him to follow Jesus instead.

When Jesus saw them following Him, He asked what they were looking for. They answered, "Teacher, where are you staying?" He said, "Come and see." And they went and stayed with Him that day.

Andrew, one of the two disciples of John, went to find his brother Simon. Andrew told Simon that they had found the Messiah. Simon went with him to meet Jesus. When Jesus saw Simon, He said, "Simon, now you will be called 'Peter.'"

The next day, Jesus went to Galilee. He found Philip and said, "Follow me." Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We found the One whom Moses and the prophets wrote about. His name is Jesus of Nazareth." Nathanael didn't think anything good could come from Nazareth. Philip told him, "Come and see!"

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, He said, "Here comes a good Israelite. He does what is right." Nathanael asked, "How do you know me? I just met You." Jesus said, "I saw you under the fig tree

before Philip called you."

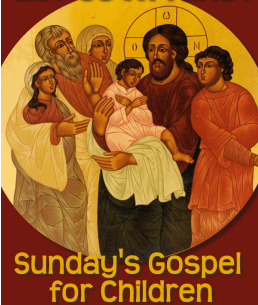
Nathanael was amazed that Jesus could know so much about him already. He said, "Teacher, You are God's Son! You are the King of Israel."

Jesus said, "Do you believe in Me just because I tell you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see much more amazing things than that. You will actually see Heaven opened, and God's angels with Me!"

Thinking About God's Word . . . John 1:35-51

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| 1. Who did John see when he was with his disciples one day? What did John call Him? | Who did He find? | Nathanael would see? |
| 2. What did the disciples do then? | 5. What did Jesus say about Nathanael? | 7. Our Lord Jesus knows all about you, too! Follow Him with all of your heart like Nathanael did. You will see Him do amazing things for you, too! |
| 3. Why did Simon go with Andrew? What happened to Simon's name? | 6. Nathanael was amazed that Jesus knew all about him. Jesus promised that he'll see more amazing things. What did Jesus say that | |
| 4. Where did Jesus go the next day? | | |

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Who Came Through
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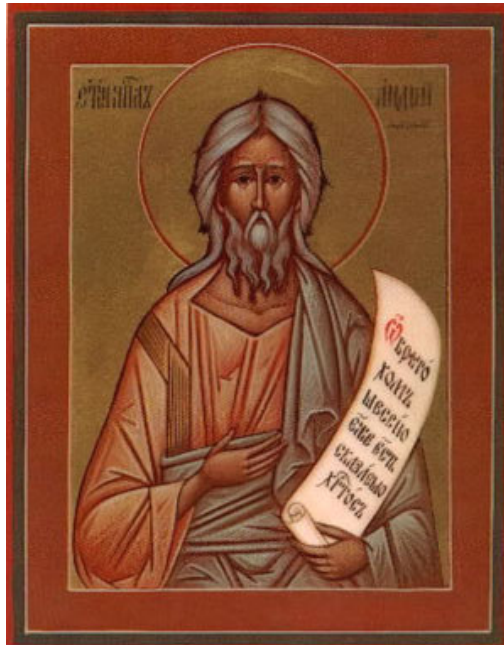
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And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



Thinking About God's Word . . . *John 1:35-51*

1. Who had the disciples been following when they chose to follow Jesus instead? Why did they do that?
2. One of the disciples, Andrew, went to find his brother. What was his brother's name? What did Andrew say about Jesus that convinced his brother to come?
3. What did Jesus say when He saw Andrew's brother?
4. When Jesus invited Philip to follow Him, Philip invited a friend to join him. Who is that? What did Philip say about Jesus to convince his friend to come?
5. What about you? Do you live and speak in a way that helps others learn about Jesus?.

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Focus questions

1. Who said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"?
2. What does the word, "messiah," mean?
3. Looking at the conversation between Jesus and the men, what are the differences between students and teachers today?
4. Does anything strike you as unusual at the end of the first paragraph (Jesus' conversation with Peter)? What might explain this?
5. In the second paragraph, more disciples come to believe in Jesus. How does this happen?
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7. What does the phrase "Son of man" mean? (See the Orthodox Study Bible footnote for John 1:51.) Do you know the story of Jacob's ladder?

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