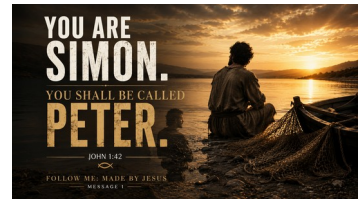


FOLLOW ME: MADE BY JESUS

IDENTITY: YOU ARE SIMON. YOU SHALL BE CALLED PETER.

MESSAGE 1 | JOHN 1:35–42 | COMPLETED NOTES



BIG IDEA

Jesus **knows** the man He calls, and He **makes** the man He intends to use.

PETER BEFORE JESUS

- His name is **Simon**, the son of **John** (John 1:42).
- He is from **Bethsaida**, a fishing village on the north shore of the Sea of **Galilee** (John 1:44).
- He works as a **fisherman** alongside his brother **Andrew** and is associated with James and John, the sons of **Zebedee** (Luke 5:10).
- He is **married**. Jesus heals his mother-in-law (Mark 1:29–31).
- He is a **Galilean Jew**, living with the hopes of Israel for the coming **Messiah**.
- He is not an **apostle**, an **preacher**, or 'the **Rock**.'
- Then Andrew **brought** him to Jesus (John 1:42).

THE CONTEXT — JOHN 1:1–34

Peter's story does not begin with Peter. It begins with Jesus Christ.

The Word (1:1) • God (1:1) • Creator (1:3) • Life and Light (1:4–5) • the Word made flesh (1:14) • the Lamb of God (1:29) • the Son of God (1:34).

- John 1:35–42 is the day after John the Baptist's testimony in verses **29–34**.
- John the Baptist is standing with **two** of his disciples.
- One of the two is **Andrew** (John 1:40).

THE MOVEMENT OF THE PASSAGE

1. John **sees** Jesus.
2. The disciples **follow** Jesus.
3. They **stay** with Jesus.
4. Andrew **finds** the Messiah.
5. Andrew **finds** Simon.
6. Andrew **brings** Simon to Jesus.
7. Jesus **looks at** Simon.
8. Jesus **gives** Simon a new name.

TEACHING OUTLINE

Read the passage. As we go through the text, fill in the blanks and take notes.

I. Jesus **draws** men to Himself through the testimony of others. — John 1:35–37

- John the Baptist **looks** at Jesus and declares, 'Behold, the **Lamb** of God!' (v. 36)
- The two disciples **hear** John and **follow** Jesus.
- John points **away** from himself **toward** Christ.
- The Christian life begins with **seeing** Jesus for who He **is**.

II. Jesus **invites** those who seek Him to come and know Him. — John 1:38–39

- Jesus asks, 'What do you **seek**?' (v. 38)
- They respond, 'Rabbi...where are You **staying**?'
- Jesus says, '**Come**, and you will **see**.' (v. 39)
- They come, see, and **stay**.
- They enter calling Him **Rabbi** and leave saying, 'We have found the **Messiah**.'

III. Those who encounter Jesus naturally **bring** others to Him. — John 1:40–42a

- Andrew says, 'We have found the **Messiah**.' (v. 41)
- He **finds** first his own brother **Simon**.
- He brings him to **Jesus**.

ANDREW BRINGS SIMON. JESUS MAKES PETER.

IV. Jesus **sees** who we are and knows what He intends to **make** of us. — John 1:42b

- Jesus **looks** at him (ἐμβλέπω, emblepō — to look intently) — He fixes His **gaze** on him.
- Jesus says, 'You are **Simon** the son of **John**.'
- Jesus knows him: his family, his work, his **failures**, his **future**.
- Jesus declares, 'You shall be called **Cephas**.'
- Between 'you are' and 'you shall be' lies the entire **transformation** Jesus will do.

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A WORD WORTH NOTICING

ἐμβλέπω (emblepō) — ‘to look at attentively; to fix one’s gaze upon.’

Jesus ‘**looked** at him’ (John 1:42).

- Means to look **intently**, to fix one’s gaze on someone.
- Jesus does not merely **see** Simon’s face. He **knows** Simon’s heart.

Simon has not said a recorded word. Jesus already knows the man standing before Him.

THEOLOGICAL GUARDRAIL

Peter’s story is not:

POTENTIAL → SELF-IMPROVEMENT → GREATNESS

Peter’s story is:

CALLING → DISCIPLESHIP → FAILURE → GRACE → RESTORATION → USEFULNESS

Jesus is not uncovering hidden greatness. He is transforming a sinner.

REFLECTION & APPLICATION

1. What am I **seeking** from Jesus?

2. Am I spending time to **come** and **know** Jesus, or am I just following from **distance**?

3. Who in my life can I **bring** to Jesus this **week**?

4. How does it encourage me to know that Jesus knows me completely and still **intends** to make me into who He **calls** me to be?

FINAL LANDING

Jesus knows who you are.

Jesus knows what you are not.

Jesus knows what His grace intends to make of you.

FOLLOW HIM.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next: Luke 5:1–11 — ‘Follow Me, and I will make you...’