

A Lamb worth following

January 15, 2017 – John 1:35-41

“The next day John (The Baptist) was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, Look the Lamb of God! When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’

They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), ‘Where are you staying?’ ‘Come,’ He replied, ‘and you will see.’ So they went and saw where He was staying and spent that day with Him. It was about the 10th hour. (4pm according to Jewish time; according to Roman time it was 10AM) 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),”

How many days do you remember? What type of things stick to your memory? Your wedding day? Your first job?

As the Apostle John writes his Gospel, he recalls the day so clearly that he lists the hour of the day. It was the 10th Hour.

The only thing that he did not make note of was whether this was according to the Roman time, thus putting it at 10 AM in the morning, or was it according to the Jewish time thus putting it 4 p.m.

Nonetheless, this event was so important to the Apostle John, that he lists the time, as he was one of the TWO disciples of John the Baptist who followed Jesus. (The other being Andrew the brother of Simon Peter.)

The Apostle John notes, THE NEXT Day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming and said, “**Look the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the World.**” (Jn. 1:29)

We are reassured from these words of John the Baptist that Jesus is not merely potential Salvation, Jesus IS Salvation.

In other Words, Salvation is not a maybe, but it is a definite yes!

John the Baptist does not say that Jesus “takes away the sin of *some* people” – But the Sin of the World.

Then the day of our text it states:

Vs. 35 The next day John (The Baptist) was there again with two of his disciples.

Vs. 36 – When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, Look the Lamb of God!

This time when John the Baptist makes this declaration, it clicks in the minds of the Apostle John and Andrew.
This is the Messiah spoken of by Moses and the Prophets and so:

Vs. 37 – they followed Jesus.

It is then that Jesus gives the two disciples following an opportunity to search their own hearts as Jesus asked:

Vs. 38 – ‘What do you want?’

Jesus of course knew they were following Him and what they wanted. This question was for their benefit.

That same question can be asked of each one of us gathered here today.

What do you want from Jesus?

What do you seek from Jesus?

Wealth? – Just think how nice it would be if you did not have to worry about how to pay the bills.

Knowledge? – Just think how smart you would look and how people would look up to you if you had an answer to everyone's question or you knew everything that was talked about and could define every word thrown at you?

Virtue? (Good qualities / Power?) Attractive, handsome, intelligent, witty,

OR do you seek Jesus for the purpose of Salvation for Your Soul?

As the Apostle John and Andrew heard this question of Jesus they answered with a question:

Vs. 38b - 'Where are you staying?'

And Jesus invites them to:

Vs. 39 – 'Come,' He replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where He was staying and spent that day with Him.

The Apostle John and Andrew continued to follow Jesus.

We also see that Andrew responds with a fruit of faith as:

Vs. 41 – The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the messiah' (That is, the Christ),

Jesus is truly a Lamb worth following – here and now and forever in heaven because Christ Jesus is "The Lamb of God Who taketh away the Sin of The World." AMEN