

# The **Good News** that John Wrote

***...that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of  
God, and that believing you  
may have life in his name.***

**John 20.31**

***Life in the Spirit***

# Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image

# Overview

## John 1:35-51

# Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.



**Watch**  
**John 1:35-51**

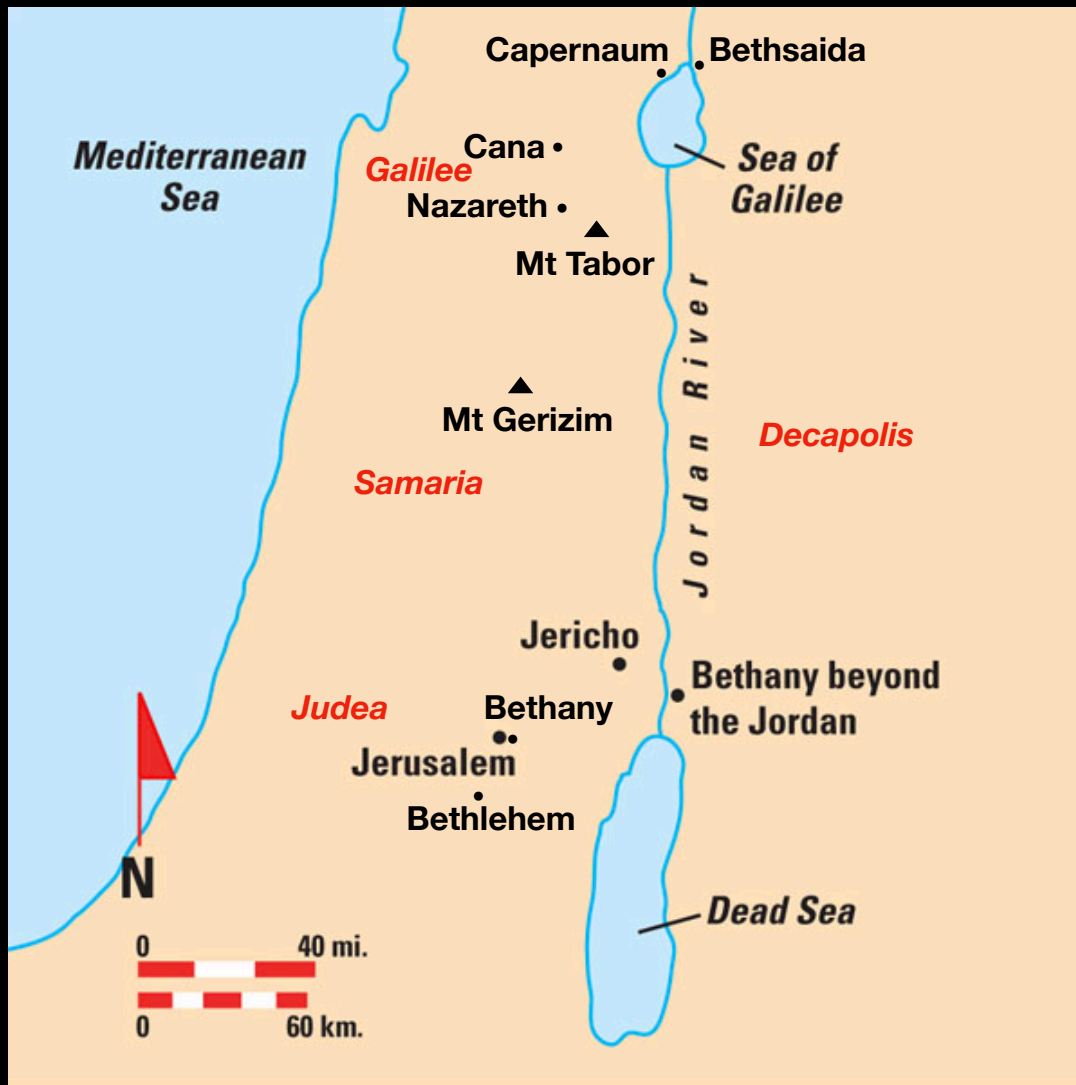
# Study

## John 1:35-51

**John 1.35-37** The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples, when he saw Jesus walking by. “There is the Lamb of God!” he said. The two disciples heard him say this and went with Jesus. (GNB)

**John 1.35-37** The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. (RSV)

1. How many days have been reported so far?
2. What might be significant about the Greek word used here for “saw”?
3. What significant transition is occurring?
4. How do the other Gospels record Jesus’ first encounter with those who became the apostles? (See Mat 4.18-22; Mark 1.16-20; Luke 5.1-11)



Nazareth to Jerusalem: 4-5 days by foot.



Major Roman roads. Minor Roads.

**Miles from Jerusalem to:**  
Bethany (2),  
Bethlehem (6),  
Jordan R (21),  
Nazareth (65),  
Cana (67),  
Capernaum (85).  
Sea of Galilee to Dead Sea (88).

**Capernaum to**  
Cana (16),  
Nazareth (20)

# Bishop Gerasimos

p. 25 “The two disciples heard their teacher bearing testimony about Jesus and immediately followed Jesus. What brevity, such simplicity, and what depth! The Baptist spoke with his voice, with his eyes, and with his heart. No one can fully describe the emotional condition of both the disciples and their teacher. The great prophet beholds the beloved. The common thirst for the Messiah, for grace and truth, allows the teacher to let go of his disciples that they may follow Christ. And the disciples left their teacher and followed Christ without asking for some explanation. The faith of the great prophet impelled them toward Christ, and the divine grace of Christ attracted them to him.”

**John 1.38-39** Jesus turned, saw them following him, and asked, “What are you looking for?” They answered, “Where do you live, Rabbi?” (This word means “Teacher.”) “Come and see,” he answered. (It was then about four o’clock in the afternoon.) So they went with him and saw where he lived, and spent the rest of that day with him. (GNB)

**John 1.38-39** Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. (RSV)

1. What is the significance of “*What are you looking for*”?
2. “*Where do you live?*” vs “*Where are you staying?*”
3. What was a Rabbi in Jesus’ time?
4. What is the significance of “*Come and see*” and “*stayed*”?

**John 1.40-42** One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). (GNB)

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1. What does it mean "He *first* found...."?
2. How is what Andrew did a pattern for all Christians?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' renaming Simon? (See Gen 17.5; 32.28)

**John 1.43-46** The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come with me!” (Philip was from Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter lived.) Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” answered Philip. (GNB)

1. Why Galilee?
2. Who found Philip?
3. What is Philip’s other name? (See Mat 10.3; Mrk 3.19); Luk 6.14)
4. What is significant about Philip referring to Scripture?
5. What is Nathanael’s attitude about what Philip says?



**John 1.47-50** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, “Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!” Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you.” “Teacher,” answered Nathanael, “you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus said, “Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than this!” (GNB)

1. What did Jesus mean by “a real Israelite” and “nothing false in” Nathaniel?
2. Why did Nathaniel to conclude Jesus is the Messiah?

# Zechariah 3.8-10

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men of good omen: behold, I will bring my servant **the Branch**. For behold, upon the stone which I have set before **Joshua**, upon a single stone with seven facets, I will engrave its inscription, says the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the guilt of this land in a single day. In that day, says the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor under his vine and **under his fig tree**.”

**Gen 28.12**



**John 1.51** And he said to them, “I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man.” (GNB)

## Daniel 7.13-14

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came **one like a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

**Re-Read**  
**John 1:35-51**

# Watch and Apply

## John 1:35-51

# Achieving the Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
  - What did you observe that revealed to you the glory of Christ?
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
  - What did you learn that can help you to participate more deeply in the life of the Spirit?
- To become more conformed to His likeness
  - What did you observe in Christ that you need to conform to?



