

“Apprehended by Grace”

John 1:35-42

A most memorable day in the life of three men!

1. Grace Makes Men to be Followers of Christ

vv. 35-39

(1) What they Heard

- **“the next day”** - the beginning of a new stage

*“Again, the next day,
John stood with two of his disciples.
And looking at Jesus as He walked,
he said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God!’”*

- **John’s declaration directed particularly to these two disciples**

(2) What they Did

- **“they followed”** double meaning

- they followed Him on the road
- they followed Him as true disciples: a response of faith to the truth concerning Christ
 - Gk. aorist = here, a once-for-all action; the course for them is set!

*“The two disciples heard him speak,
and they followed Jesus.”*

(3) What they Sought

-1- **A simple but penetrating question!**

*“Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following,
said to them, ‘What do you seek?’”*

-2- **What were they seeking?**

*“They said to Him,
‘Rabbi...where are You staying?’*

- “Rabbi” = teacher
- to be taught; to join themselves to Him as disciples; to learn from Him and of Him
(cf. Mt. 11:29-30)

-3- **Our Lord’s thrilling invitation!**

“Come and see.”

- an invitation to come and spend the day with Him.
- private instruction and counsel

-4- **The Indelible Memory of Grace**

*“They came and saw where He was staying,
and remained with Him that day
(now it was about the tenth hour).”*

- Vivid detail!
the most memorable day of their lives!
- The very house, the room where He stayed

(1) Grace Settles our Priorities – First Things First! (40-41)

-1- **Initiative**

“He first found his own brother Simon”

-2- **Testimony**

“We have found the Messiah!”

-3- **Encouragement**

“And he brought him to Jesus.”

(2) A New Name! (42)

*“Now when Jesus looked at him, He said,
‘You are Simon the son of John.*

-1- **Our Lord’s Intimate Knowledge of Our Old Life**

*You shall be called Cephas’
(which is translated, A Stone).”*

-2- **Our Lord’s Authoritative Promise of a New Life**

- Simon from this point onward belongs to Christ
- By grace, Simon would be a different man: “The rock man”

Further Application:

2. Grace Marks Out a Man’s Destiny

vv. 40-42