



MOMENTUM: THE GOSPEL IN MOTION AN INVITATION TO JOIN | JOHN 1:35-42

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The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own 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, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). – John 1:35-42

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Proclamation

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" – John 1:35-36

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" – John 1:29



Jesus is not just a sacrifice. He is God's sacrifice.

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. – 1 Peter 1:18–19

Participation

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Revelation and participation go hand in hand.

- **Peter walking on water – he took a step**
 - And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" – Matthew 14:28–31
- **The Red Sea parts – the people stepped forward**
 - And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground." – Exodus 14:13–16
- **The ten lepers – healed as they went**
 - On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests. "And as they went they were cleansed." – Luke 17:11–14

Christianity is not a set of teachings to understand; it is a Person to follow

Invitation

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In 2026, who is your Simon?

One invitation changed history. Andrew invited Peter.

- The preacher at Pentecost
- The bridge to the Gentiles
- A pillar of the early church
- A writer of Scripture

Transformation

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Simon means "listener."

Peter (Cephas) means "rock."

- You are His own special possession.
- You are treasured.
- You are irreplaceable.
- You are loved beyond compare.
- You are worth dying for.
- You are forgiven.
- You are His child.
- You are secured for all eternity.
- You are set free.
- You are precious to Him.
- You are set apart.

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