

## Come, see, tell, repeat

### John 1.29-42

The day after Jesus' baptism, John introduces him to others as the 'Lamb of God'. The following day, John is with two friends, and again, he introduces Jesus to them as the Lamb of God. Jesus invites them to 'come and see' where he is staying and one of them, Andrew, having realised he has met the Messiah, goes to find his brother Simon to invite him to meet Jesus too.

Now read **John 1.29-42** see p.2 for text.

### A note on the passage

Andrew is not content to spend some private time with Jesus – he is so excited to meet God's Messiah that he invites his brother to meet him too. What we discover about Jesus is not meant to be kept to ourselves but shared with others. Who can we invite to "come and see"?



Why is the pattern of 'come, see, tell, repeat' important for sharing our faith?

## Be Still

Close your eyes and imagine you are Andrew's friend when you meet Jesus. You hear Andrew ask where Jesus is staying, and Jesus responds, 'Come and see.' You follow him into a room, sit comfortably and spend a period of time with him. What do you want to say to Jesus? How does he respond to you?

## Pray it forward

Say a prayer for a friend, asking that they might know the blessing of Jesus in their lives. Design a card telling your friend you prayed for them and encouraging them to do the same for another friend, before passing the card on to them, thereby setting up a chain reaction of prayer.



Imagine you were asked to compose a tweet – a piece of text containing no more than 280 characters – describing the difference Jesus has made on your life. What would you say? Think about what sort of image you might accompany the tweet with – you could draw or paint something which symbolises your relationship with Jesus.



Invite someone to come and stay with you or share a meal with you. As you make your preparations, notice anything you do to remove a barrier to them coming. (For example, you might consider dietary requirements or arrange the time to suit their schedule.) Reflect on what barriers exist when inviting people to follow Jesus and how they could be overcome. As you spend time together, share your thoughts with your guest.

## LOOK



Search for images of three paintings by Sieger Köder: The Samaritan Woman (<https://parrocchia.mozzanica.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Samaritana.jpg>), The Last Supper ([https://www.christchurchstaines.co.uk/uploads/1/2/1/3/121352615/koder\\_orig.jpg](https://www.christchurchstaines.co.uk/uploads/1/2/1/3/121352615/koder_orig.jpg)) and The Washing of Feet (<https://dailyprayer.us/photos-c/washing-of-the-feet-sieger-koder-c.jpg>). Notice that the face of Jesus is only seen in reflections – can you spot it in each painting? Discuss or think about where you see Jesus reflected in the world today.

Choose a version of the passage to read. The first is the ROOTS version for children, the second is the NRSV text which may be suitable for older children, young people and adults.

**T**he day after Jesus was baptized, John saw Jesus walking towards him. John said to his friends, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. I told you that a man would come after me who is far more important than me. I did not know who he was, but God had told me that I would see the Holy Spirit come down and rest on someone like a dove. So I watched when I baptized people, waiting to see this happen. When I baptized Jesus, I saw the Holy Spirit come down and rest on him. I can tell you now that Jesus is the Son of God and he will baptize people with the Holy Spirit.'

The next day, John was standing in the street with two of his friends. He watched Jesus walk by. He called, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God!' His two friends followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them. He asked, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi, where are you staying?' Jesus answered, 'Come and see.'

So they went to his house and stayed for the rest of the day. One of the friends was Andrew. He went to find his brother, Simon, and said, 'We have found the Messiah!' Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. Jesus said, 'You are Simon, son of John. I am giving you a new name. I am going to call you Peter.'

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## Did you know?

- John calls Jesus the Lamb of God. Lambs were offered as a sacrifice to God.
- Jesus gives Simon the new name Peter, which means 'rock'.

## John 1.29-42 (NRSV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,

'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 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 is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).