

Sermon Outline: Pastor Josh on the Gospel of John

1. Introduction to the Gospel of John

- Emphasis on the identity and mission of Jesus
- John the Baptist's role in introducing Jesus to his early followers
- Key scripture: John 1:35-51

2. John the Baptist Identifies Jesus

- John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God"
- Two of John's disciples decide to follow Jesus
- Key insight: The first step in discipleship is seeking to know Jesus more intimately

3. Early Followers of Jesus

- Andrew and another disciple stay with Jesus after meeting him
- Andrew brings his brother Simon Peter to Jesus
- Jesus renames Simon to "Cephas" (meaning Peter or rock)

4. Philip and Nathaniel's Encounter with Jesus

- Philip finds Nathaniel and shares the news of Jesus as the Messiah
 - Philip identifies Jesus as the one Moses and the prophets wrote about
- Nathaniel initially expresses doubt due to Jesus's background from Nazareth
- Jesus reveals supernatural knowledge of Nathaniel, leading to his recognition of Jesus as the Son of God and King of Israel

5. Scriptural References

- **John 1:35-51**: The calling of the first disciples
- **Micah 5:2**: Prophecy about Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah
- **Genesis 28**: Jacob's ladder, symbolizing the connection between heaven and earth, reflected in Jesus's declaration about angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man in John 1:51

6. Conclusion

- Pastor Josh emphasizes Jesus as the living Word, not just a historical figure
- Invitation for the audience to "come and see" and have a personal encounter with Jesus and Scripture