

Catholic Bible Study

Gospel Reflection for Sunday, January 17, 2021 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



The First Disciples

Opening Prayer:

Lord God, we open our hearts, minds and souls to worship you. Thank you that today we dwell in your kingdom and live in your presence. Thank you that as we gather together we join with all Catholic Christians across the world to glorify your holy name. Come be with us, inspire us and lead us in our time together. We ask all this in the beautiful name of Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading - John 1:35-42 (The First Disciples)

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and 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 you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas” — which is translated Peter.

Reflections Questions:

1. How do you think John the Baptist felt when his disciples left him to follow Jesus? Why do you suppose John the Baptist didn't go with them?
2. When John the Baptist called Jesus "the Lamb of God" what would this mean to a Jewish person of his day?
3. What does it look like, in our 21st century culture, to follow Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God?
4. In this Gospel reading, Andrew found his brother Simon Peter and shared the good news of the Messiah with him. What are the difficulties/challenges in sharing the gospel with family members or close relatives?

Group Intercessions: Invitation for group members to share their prayer intentions

Closing Prayer:

Lord, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thank you that we can live in your light and walk in your truth. May the things that you have revealed and thoughts that we have shared dwell in our hearts and stir us to action. We ask all this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.