

### **“We have found the Messiah”**

After hearing John declare “Behold the Lamb of God” in **John 1:36**, 2 of his disciples began to follow Jesus. One of those individuals was a man named Andrew. Notice **John 1: 40-42: One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.**

Notice Andrew's reaction after finding the Messiah: **#1** He didn't wait for someone to come to him, he went out and found his brother, **#2** He boldly proclaimed to His Brother “ We have found the Messiah”, **#3** He brought His brother to Jesus.

If we have obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, at some point we saw Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In seeing Him as this, we began to follow Him. Now we should have an intimate knowledge of who He is through the study of God's Word.

#### **So now what are we doing?**

Andrew shows us what the normal reaction should be. He took the knowledge that he had gained and found his brother Simon. He didn't wait for Simon; rather, he went out and found him. Why? Because he had been blessed with a knowledge that had eternal ramifications. That knowledge was, **“We have found the Messiah”**. What a powerful message **“We have found the Messiah”**. Sometimes I wonder if we truly understand what we have found **in Jesus Christ**. We have found the only one who has the power to take away the one thing that separates us from God. There is a huge obstacle standing in our way of getting to heaven and that obstacle is sin. There isn't anything that I can do to remove that obstacle. My very best effort to live righteous and holy will not remove that hindrance of sin. But Jesus Christ can and He did when He shed His precious blood on the cross. Knowing this, are we going to the lost and telling them, **“I have found the Messiah?”** Are bringing them to Jesus? This is too great of a message, to keep to ourselves. We must tell others, **“We have found the Messiah”**.

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