

# The Stairway Between Heaven and Earth

## The Lamb of God

### By the Jordan River

#### Contact

“Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

John 1:35-39 (NLT2)

## Found the Messiah

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”). John 1:40-41 (NLT2)

## MESSIAH

### JEWISH EXPECTATIONS

A Descendant of King David Isaiah 11:1

Universal knowledge of the God of Israel Zechariah 14:9

Rebuilds the Temple Ezekiel 37:26-28

Brings world peace Isaiah 2:4

## EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL POWER

Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men’s report of the star’s first appearance. Matthew 2:16 (NLT2)

## INTENSE MEETING

Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).

John 1:42 (NLT2)

## FOLLOW ME

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.”

Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.” “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied. John 1:43-46 (NLT2)

## TELE-VISION

As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.” “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.” John 1:47-48 (NLT2)

## THE SON OF GOD-THE KING OF ISRAEL

Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!” Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” John 1:49-50 (NLT2)

## THE STAIRWAY BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.” John 1:51 (NLT2)

## JESUS THE STAIRWAY

- Jesus knows you
- What have you found in Jesus, the Messiah?
- How does following Jesus affect your life?
- How has Jesus, the stairway between heaven and earth, opened heaven to you?