

# SUNDAY GOSPEL BIBLE SHARING



**Wednesday Jan 10th, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**OPENING PRAYER: Good and gracious God, thank you for gathering us together to share life and listen to your holy Word. Today you show us how you call out to us in the events and encounters of daily life. May we discern your call to us and respond with generosity and obedience. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **READING OF THE ASSIGNED GOSPEL**

- In the words of Saint Benedict, “Listen with the ears of your heart.”
- Please note a word, phrase, or verse that seemed to really catch your notice.
- A volunteer slowly read aloud today’s passage Afterwards, we have a few minutes of silent reflection.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

John 1:35-42

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples,  
36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.”\*

37 The two disciples\* heard what he said and followed Jesus.

38 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?”

39 He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.\*

40 Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

41 He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah”<sup>\*</sup> (which is translated Anointed).<sup>z</sup>

42 Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John;<sup>\*</sup> you will be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).<sup>a</sup>

\* [1:36] John the Baptist’s testimony makes his disciples’ following of Jesus plausible.

\* [1:37] The two disciples: Andrew ([Jn 1:40](#)) and, traditionally, John, son of Zebedee (see note on [Jn 13:23](#)).

\* [1:39] Four in the afternoon: literally, the tenth hour, from sunrise, in the Roman calculation of time. Some suggest that the next day, beginning at sunset, was the sabbath; they would have stayed with Jesus to avoid travel on it.

\* [1:41] Messiah: the Hebrew word *māšîaḥ*, “anointed one” (see note on [Lk 2:11](#)), appears in Greek as the transliterated *messias* only here and in [Jn 4:25](#). Elsewhere the Greek translation *christos* is used.

\* [1:42] Simon, the son of John: in [Mt 16:17](#), Simon is called Bariona, “son of Jonah,” a different tradition for the name of Simon’s father. Cephas: in Aramaic = the Rock; cf. [Mt 16:18](#). Neither the Greek equivalent Petros nor, with one isolated exception, Cephas is attested as a personal name before Christian times.

## QUESTIONS FOR SHARING

1. Who in your life has helped you hear or listen to God?
2. When did following Jesus become important in your life? Can you recall an event or series of events that led to a deeper following of Jesus?
3. What would you answer if Jesus turned to you and asked: What are you looking for?

## Commentary

Just as Eli introduced Samuel to the Lord, John the Baptist, in this Gospel, introduces two of his disciples to Jesus (which underlines John’s subordinate role). John’s ministry is (as is ours) to introduce others to Christ. When the two disciples begin to follow Jesus, he asks them: “What

are you looking for?”—or, simply put, “What does your heart seek?” They answer with a question of their own: “Rabbi, where do you live?” Jesus replies: “Come and see.” So they go off to have a long chat (a mini-retreat) with Jesus. During their “stay” with him, the eyes of the two disciples are opened to his true identity. “Seeing” and “staying” are key terms in John’s Gospel. The one whose eyes are opened to who Jesus truly is, is invited to come and stay with Jesus, to come and share Jesus’ relationship with his Father. It is an introduction into a life of discipleship, which leads one into “staying” with the Blessed Trinity. Having had their eyes opened, one of the two disciples, Andrew, seeks out his brother, Simon, and introduces him to Jesus. Jesus immediately changes Simon’s name to Cephas, meaning “rock.” Henceforth, Peter will have a key and central role in the new community of believers.

**IS THERE A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THIS WEEK?**

**IS THERE A PRAYER REQUEST YOU HAVE?**

**CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord’s Prayer**

Bible Sharing Room 5 and Zoom

Wednesday, Jan 10 6:30 – 7:30pm

Weekly on Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Description: Blessed Sacrament is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessed Sacrament's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 10, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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