



WHY DO THEY WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS?

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You remember **Slide 2** Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and was filled **Slide 3** with the Holy Spirit. Do you know what happened next? Well! **Slide 4** Jesus is going to leave his job as a carpenter to deal only **Slide 5** with the business of God his Father because that is why he came from heaven.

Slide 6 What does it mean, **Slide 7** "Mind the business of God?" "

Well that's what we're going to find out as we go through our talks.

Jesus will first gather **Slide 8** a small team of men who will become his friends. They'll follow Him everywhere. That's how they'll get to know him. They are called the disciples of Jesus.

But how **Slide 9** is Jesus going to find them, choose them?

Listen carefully and at the end of this story you can answer the question: **Slide 10** Who are the first four disciples of Jesus?

Slide 11 WHO ARE THE FIRST DISCIPLES OF JESUS?

Slide 12 All kinds of people come to John the Baptist to be baptized: **Slide 13** soldiers, farmers, fishermen, old people and young people.

To all, he repeats:

- Change the way you live, stop doing evil, ask God for forgiveness, **Slide 14** get ready to welcome the savior whom he has long promised and **Slide 15** who is here now.

Many are impatient to know this savior. In particular, a few young men who often come to listen to John the Baptist. **Slide 16** They wonder how they will recognize this savior.

Slide 17 One day, John the Baptist is with one of them, it's Andrew and there is also another young man.

Jesus happens to be passing by. John says to them:

Slide 18 - Look, here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, **Slide 19** he is the promised savior.

Immediately, Andrew and his friend leave John. What do they do? **Slide 20** They start to follow Jesus. Jesus turns around and says to them:

Slide 21 - What are you looking for?

Slide 22 - Where do you live? They ask him.

Slide 23 - Come and you'll see! He replied.

Jesus welcomes them **Slide 24** to his home. They spend the whole day with him. We don't know what they said to each other. Maybe Andrew and his friend asked Jesus questions?

Slide 25 Later, André meets his brother, he says to him:

Slide 26 - Simon, we have found the savior God promised.

He tells him how Jesus welcomed them at his home. Simon also wants to meet him and get to know him so Andrew leads **Slide 27** him to Jesus. When Jesus sees him, he says to him:

Slide 28 - You are Simon and your father's name is Jonas, **Slide 29** you will be called Cephas, which means Peter.

Slide 30 The next day, Jesus meets another young man who lives in the same city as Peter and Andrew. He tells him:

Slide 31 - Philippe! Follow me!

Philippe does not hesitate, he follows him.

Slide 32 Later, Philippe meets Nathanael. He tells him:

Slide 33 - Nathanael, we have found the promised savior, **Slide 34** it is Jesus, the son of Joseph the carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth.

Nathanael is rather surprised.

- Do you really believe that something good can come from Nazareth?

Slide 35 - Come and see! Philippe replies.

And they both leave to meet Jesus. **Slide 36** When Jesus sees Nathanael, he says:

Slide 37 - Here is really a righteous man; there is no fraud in him.

- But, how do you know me? asks Nathanael, who has never seen Jesus before.

- Before Philip called you, Jesus replied, **Slide 38** when you were under the tree, under the fig tree, I saw you.

Slide 39 - But then you are the Son of God, said Nathanael, you are the savior we are waiting for.

- Because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree, Jesus continues, you believe in me, I tell you that you will see greater things than this. **Slide 40** You will see the sky open and the blessing of God coming down on men.

This is, in fact, what **Slide 41** these four young people will see, men, women and children blessed, healed, saved. They are going to see extraordinary miracles. It's the start of a whole new life for them.

This day when they agreed to follow Jesus, they did not understand everything but there was in their hearts a deep desire to listen to Him, to know Him better.

Slide 42 Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael are the first disciples of Jesus. We will find them in our next stories.

Slide 43 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

Tell me, have you noticed the desire **Slide 44** of these four young people to know Jesus?

They were curious, they wanted **Slide 45** to see Him, hear Him, and follow Him. Well we can say that they were not disappointed and yet this is only the beginning of their discovery because they will see supernatural things and their faith will be strengthened. They're going to believe in Him more and more. We will see that in our next stories.

Slide 46 And you? Do you have this desire to know Jesus? **Slide 47** Do you want to know who He is, what He can do for you? Did you understand that He knows you? He sees you as He saw Nathanael under the fig tree. He wants to welcome you and do you good. You can talk to Him, He will hear you.

Slide 48 As you read the Gospel, listen to our programs "1,2,3 STORY TIME", you will know Him better and better just like the disciples of Jesus.

By the way, did you find **Slide 49** the names of the first four disciples? So can you answer the question? Yes, **Slide 50** they are Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael.

See you very soon for our next broadcasts, we will find Jesus and his disciples!

Slide 51 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

We notice that these disciples of Jesus were disciples of John the Baptist. By the teaching of John the Baptist, their hearts were well prepared to receive the Messiah.

Let us prepare the hearts of our children too through our prayers, our life, our example, our teaching. The life of the disciples will teach us our way to Jesus but also will enlighten us on our children's way to faith. **Slide 52** To know Jesus and to love him is not a matter of a moment but of our whole life.

So, what do you think? Choosing to follow Him as soon as possible, isn't that the best direction for a life and for the lives of our children?

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