

AGAIN THE NEXT DAY: FIRST IMPRESSIONS

JOHN 1:35-42

I. THE VERY FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BY ANY OF HIS FOLLOWERS WAS THE OBSERVATION THAT HE WAS A "RABBI" (1:35-39)

- A. "Rabbi" Is A Transliteration From Hebrew Meaning Literally: "My Great One"
- B. "Rabbi" Was The Common Designation Given To An Authoritative Teacher
 - 1. That Was Not How John The Baptist Had Presented Him
 - 2. That Initial, Incomplete Impression, Was Nevertheless, At Least A Beginning
 - 3. That Initial Impression Is What Caused Them To Keep Coming Back For More

II. THE EXTENDED OBSERVATION OF JESUS' TEACHING CAUSED THESE EARLY FOLLOWERS TO FORM A SECOND IMPRESSION: "*We Have Found the Messiah*" (1:40-42)

- A. This Second Impression Was The Result Of One Day Spent With The Lord
- B. This Second Impression Was The Result Of The Lord Jesus Christ Identifying Himself As Messiah
 - 1. All Appearances Were Against That Conclusion
 - 2. Jesus Immediately Began To Identify Himself This Way In His Public Ministry
 - 3. These Men Became Convinced That Jesus Was The Fulfillment Of All Of Those O.T. Scriptures