
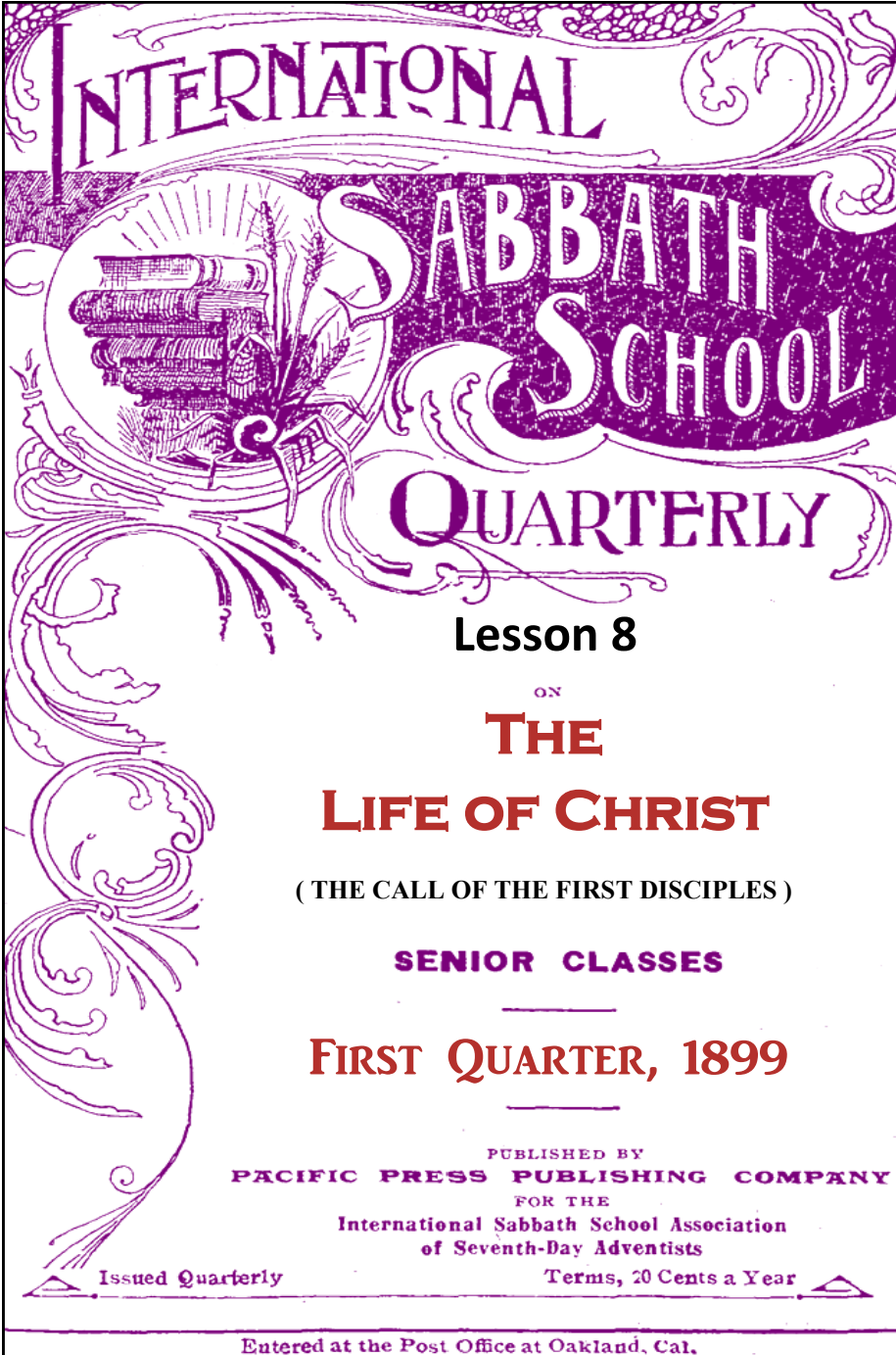


readily opened the way for an extended interview.

2. The place to which they went was some home which had been opened to Christ for a few days' sojourn, by the hospitality of strangers. How strangely the mission of Christ opened. He did not make any demonstration; no public harangues were given by Him. But as He quietly walked before the people, His first disciples were drawn to Him by the quiet words of another.
3. **Messiah** " means anointed, and was used with reference to any one anointed with the holy oil. Christ was the antitype of all those Hebrew anointings, and was therefore the " consolation " to which every true Israelite looked forward. **Luke 2: 25.** The word " consolation " there used comes from the same original as " Comforter " in **John 14:6; 5: 6, etc.**, and means a calling alongside for help. In other words, the Jewish consolation consisted in calling to their very side the help which their blood offerings typified.
4. "**Jona** " in Hebrew means a dove. As though Jesus had ever known Simon, He called him the " son of a dove," and then with divine foresight as to the developments of Peter's future, added, "**Thou shalt be called Cephas,**" that is, a stone. It will be noticed that this change of name for the impulsive apostle was bestowed at the very first meeting of Peter with his Lord, and before any other words had passed between them. The name "**Peter,**" by which this disciple is most commonly known, is the Aramaic and Greek equivalents of **Cephas, or stone.**
5. "**Under the fig tree.**" The chosen place for meditation and prayer with the devout of Israel. Philip had been in devotion under the fig tree, pondering over the very truths he had heard at Bethabara, when listening to the words of the Baptist, and wondering, like many others, when and where the Messiah would appear. He came to Christ doubting, but with a guileless heart. Christ's words to him seemed so full of divine prescience that he could not help believing that One was before him who knew his very thoughts. He was by this deeply impressed that the desire of his heart had become the sight of his eyes, and his doubt gave way to the sincerest faith. It has been supposed by some that, inasmuch as the name Nathanael does not appear in the list of the twelve apostles, he was identical with Bartholomew, who is always named next to Philip.
6. These five were Christ's first disciples. He called but one of them direct; two were prompted to unite their interests to His by the words of John; one of them joined the company at the instance of a brother; and the other, by the solicitation of a friend. It was all done by direct, individual work, the efforts which God blesses above all others to the salvation of men.



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# CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

**February 25, 1899.**  
**At Bethabara, A. D. 27**  
**(John I : 29-51.)**

Side Texts to be  
studied with  
questions

1. WHEN Christ appeared again at the place of John's baptism, what exclamation did the Baptist make concerning Him? John I : 29.
2. To what words previously uttered does he call the people's attention? Verses 30, 31.
3. How was the Baptist so sure of Christ's identity? Verses 32-34.
4. Who were standing with John the next day? Verse 35.
5. As Jesus appeared in sight, how did John announce Him to the two disciples? Verse 36.
6. What did the disciples of John immediately do? Verse 37.
7. How were they introduced to Jesus? Verse. 38.
8. What apparently indifferent question did they ask? **See note 1.**
9. What answer was returned by Christ? Verse 39. **See note 2.**
10. How long did the disciples continue their interview with the Lord ?
11. Who were the two disciples thus highly favoured? Verse 40.
12. Upon learning the abode of Christ, what did Andrew first do? Verse 41. **See note 3.**

verses 19-28.

John 8 : 58.

John 5 : 32 ;  
Luke 8 : 19-23.

Isa.53 : 6, 7.

John 18: 15, 16;  
13:23; 19:26  
21:20-24.  
Dan. 9: 24, 25 ;  
Luke 2: 25.

Matt. 16 : 17.

13. When Simon was brought to Jesus, what did the Lord first say to him? Verse 42. **See note 4.**
14. The following day, while on His way to Galilee, whom did Christ find by the way? and what did He say to him? Verse 43.
15. What was Philip's nativity? Verse 44.
16. Whom did Philip quickly find ? and what message did he bear to him? Verse 45.
17. What curt reply did Nathanael make to this statement ? Verse 46.
18. How did Philip meet this objection? **See note 2 of lesson 4.**
19. While Nathanael was yet coming, what remark concerning him did Christ make in his hearing? Verse 47.
20. In his astonishment, what reply did Nathanael offer? Verse 48.
21. What answer did Jesus give? **See note 5.**
22. Upon hearing this, what confident expression fell from Nathanael's lips? Verse 49.
23. What did Christ say he would yet see?

John 21 : 2.  
Deut.18:18  
Isa. 9 :6,7.

John 7:41, 52,

Ps.32:2;  
ROM. 2 28, 29;  
9:6-8.

Gen. 28:12.

## READING

**"Desire of Ages," pp. 132-143"**

## NOTES

1. But the question was not asked for lack of other thoughts. The two inquirers wanted more than a passing word with the newly-found Being, and so desired to spend time with Him in the privacy of His home. He, divining their wish,