

John 1:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

Analysis

On the following day, John again sees Jesus and declares: 'Behold the Lamb of God.' This repetition emphasizes the central identification of Christ. John stands with two disciples, deliberately directing them to Jesus. True teachers point students beyond themselves to Christ. This verse marks the beginning of disciple-making that will form Christ's inner circle. John's willingness to transfer followers to Jesus demonstrates pure ministry motivation—not building his own following but Christ's.

Historical Context

These two disciples (Andrew and likely John the Evangelist) became the first of the Twelve. The Baptist's willingness to release his followers to Jesus challenges ministry models focused on building personal platforms. Ancient rabbis jealously guarded their disciples; John freely gives them to Jesus.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do Christian leaders today demonstrate John's willingness to point followers toward Christ rather than themselves?
2. What characterized John's disciples that made them ready to follow Jesus?

Interlinear Text

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