

# John 1:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him,  
We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the  
Christ.

## Analysis

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Andrew's testimony is simple yet complete: 'We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.' Both Hebrew (Messias) and Greek (Christos) terms meaning 'Anointed One' are given for John's diverse audience. This confession identifies Jesus as the long-awaited King, Priest, and Prophet anointed by God to deliver His people. Andrew's 'we have found' suggests searching that ended in discovery—the religious quest finds its answer in Jesus.

## Historical Context

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Messianic expectation was intense in first-century Palestine. Various pretenders claimed the title; political liberation from Rome was widely anticipated. Andrew's identification of Jesus as Messiah risked disappointment if Jesus didn't meet these expectations. Yet his confession was true in ways deeper than he yet understood.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the confession 'We have found the Messiah' express the end of spiritual searching?
2. What expectations do people bring to Jesus that may need to be reshaped by who He truly is?

## Interlinear Text

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Εὐρήκαμεν	οὗτος	πρῶτος	τὸν	ἀδελφὸν	τὸν	ἴδιον	
<b>We have found</b>	<b>He</b>	<b>first</b>	G3588	<b>brother</b>	G3588	<b>his own</b>	
G2147	G3778	G4413		G80		G2398	
Σίμωνα	καὶ	λέγει	αὐτῷ	Εὐρήκαμεν	τὸν	Μεσσίαν	ὃ
<b>Simon</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>saith</b>	<b>unto him</b>	<b>We have found</b>	G3588	<b>the Messiah</b>	<b>which</b>
G4613	G2532	G3004	G846	G2147		G3323	G3739
ἐστιν	μεθερμηνευόμενον	ὃ	Χριστός·				
<b>is</b>	<b>being interpreted</b>	G3588	<b>the Christ</b>				
G2076	G3177		G5547				

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 4:25** (References Christ): The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

**John 1:45** (Parallel theme): Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

**Psalms 89:20** (Parallel theme): I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: