

PS's Ponderings



Andrew was enthralled. He'd been listening to the teaching of John the Baptist for some time. John had been preaching for people to repent because the Messiah was coming. He testified that he was sent to prepare the way for the Lord. Then, as Andrew was with John the Baptist, John suddenly pointed at Jesus who was walking by and said, *"Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) And for the first time, Andrew laid eyes on Jesus. The One whom John had been preaching about and whom Israel had been longing after for generations.*

And what is the first thing that Andrew does? John 1:41-42 tells us, *"The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus." How cool is that? Andrew's first thought upon the discovery of the Messiah was to bring someone else to meet Jesus. The very first act of Evangelism.*

What might have happened if he hadn't done that? Simon... renamed by Jesus as Peter... who became one

of Jesus' closest friends... the one who first proclaimed Jesus as *"The Messiah, the Son of the living God!" (Matthew 16:16) The guy who preached that message in Acts 2 that led 3000 people to become followers of Jesus... yeah... **THAT** Simon Peter.*

It's remarkable, isn't it? Some of the most impactful acts done for Jesus are really just the simplest of steps. *"And he brought him to Jesus." Peter of course would become one of the most influential people of all time — a pillar of leadership within the community of Apostles. And it all started with an invitation to meet Jesus.*

Next week is Easter. The time of year we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the defeat of sin and death and the forgiveness of sins. Who could **YOU** bring to Jesus? *Just the simplest of steps, an invitation to a church service... with the potential of meeting Jesus. Fun fact for you — What do Billy Graham, C.S. Lewis, Chuck Colson and Charles Spurgeon all have in common? Someone brought them to Jesus — and He used them to change the world!*