

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Nathanael & Jesus
John 1:43-51
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Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God!
You are the King of Israel!" - John 1:49

I. COME AND SEE

- Jesus calls Philip with a simple "Follow me." Philip finds Nathanael and calls him with a simple "Come and see." It really isn't all that complicated. Come to Jesus like children (Matt. 18:1-7; Mark 9:24).
- Philip tells Nathaniel who Jesus is—that he has found the one that all the Scriptures point to (Vs. 45).
- The city of Nazareth is not highly looked upon. It is not mentioned in the Scriptures and has no (apparent) prophetic relevance (Vs. 46).

II. GREATER THINGS

- As the God-Man, Jesus is able not only to tell Nathanael who he is as a person, but where he has been. God sees all things (Vss. 47-48; 2 Chron. 16:9; Heb. 4:13).
- Philip has testified to Jesus, now Nathanael does so as well. "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" The testimonies concerning Jesus continue to build in John's Gospel.
- Nathanael is impressed. Jesus assures him that there is more to follow (Vs. 50).
- Jesus now affirms that he is indeed the very One who is the supreme point by which God and humanity will intersect (Vs. 51; Gen. 28:10-17).
- The Son of God and Son of Man has arrived. The hope of Israel and the nations' ministry has begun. Nothing in the history of the world will remain the same.

KNOW: The testimonies concerning Jesus continue to mount. The call is to "come and see." The ministry of Jesus is about to begin in earnest.

DO: Come to Jesus. You too will see greater things.

Suggested Reading:

Taste and See: Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life: 140 Meditations by John Piper (LifePoint Library #242 PIP).

Surprised by Joy by C.S. Lewis (LifePoint Library #BIO LEW).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 1:43-51

1. How is Jesus beginning his ministry? What first steps is he taking?
2. How many testimonies concerning Jesus have been offered thus far in John's Gospel? Why is John doing this?
3. Why is Nathanael so impressed by Jesus?
4. How does Jesus know so much about Nathanael?
5. What does Nathanael's testimony as to who he believed Jesus to be say about Jesus?
6. Who does Jesus declare himself to be in his response to Nathanael?
7. Who is Jesus to you? Does this demonstrate itself in your life?