

**NEW THINGS
FOR
A SKEPTIC
JOHN 1:43-51**

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43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 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.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

John 1:43-51 - continued

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me?

Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

I. A Seeking Savior (1:43-44)

A. Jesus found Philip and said “Follow me.”

1. The call is the same

Matthew 9:9

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

2. The commitment is the same

Matthew 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

I. A Seeking Savior (1:43-44)

A. Jesus found Philip and said “Follow me.” - continued

3. The conclusion is the same

John 21:19

This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

I. A Seeking Savior (1:43-44)

B. Our Lord is a seeking Savior

Matthew 18:11

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

C. Many neglect this part of the character of Christ

**D. We must return to the message of the Savior who
seeks lost souls**

II. A Seeking Saved One (1:45-46)

A. “Philip findeth Nathanael”

1. Philip had an immediate interest in souls

2. Following Christ calls for reaching lost ones

Proverbs 11:30

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that
winneth souls is wise.**

II. A Seeking Saved One (1:45-46)

B. Evangelism is an evidence that salvation is real

Matthew 10:32

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 9:16

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

C. Philip's mistaken but effective witness

III. A Saved Sinner (1:46-49)

A. Nathanael was skeptical (v 46)

B. Nathanael was surprised (v 48)

C. Nathanael was satisfied (v 49)

**NATHANAEL'S
FUTURE...**