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# John 1:43-51

# New International Version

### Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

**43**The next day Jesus dcdvvbgecided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

**44**Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. **45**Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

**46**“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

**47**When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

**48**“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

**49**Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

**50**Jesus said, “You believe[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A43-51&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26095a)] because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” **51**He then added, “Very truly I tell you,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A43-51&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26096b)] you[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A43-51&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26096c)] will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A43-51&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26096d)] the Son of Man.”

### OPEN:

### If you really wanted to explain to someone how much you loved them, what would you do? Some ideas:

### Rent a billboard

### Send a video

### Send someone to explain

### Go myself

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### What did Philip have in common with Andrew

### What ihsight about Jesus excites Philip?

### What type of person is Nathanael? Why might he find it hard to believe Philip’s statement?

### Why would Jesus call Philip and Nathanael in such different ways?

### How do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus spoke to him?

### REFLECT:

### What was your motive for following Jesus originally?

### What were the circumstances that led you to do so?

### How much did you know about him?

### Who was the Andrew in your life?

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