

Sermon Title: Come and See

Passage: John 1:43-51

Main Idea: Jesus is the only link between heaven and earth

Setting: Jesus is at the very beginning of His ministry. As we pick up in John 1:43-51 we are on day 4 of the first week of Jesus' ministry as recorded in the book of John. The first two disciples, Andrew and Peter, have already met Jesus. In this passage two more disciples, Philip and Nathanael (referred to in the Synoptic Gospels as Bartholomew), will be introduced to Jesus for the first time.

I. Found (1:43-45)

- A. Jesus finds Philip (43)
- B. Philip finds Nathaniel (45a)
- C. The disciples find the Messiah (45b)

II. Faith (1:46-49)

- A. Nathael doubts (46)
- B. Jesus knows (47-48)
- C. Nathanael believes (49)

III. Further (1:50-51)

- A. Nathanael's simple faith (50a)
- B. Greater things to come (50b)
- C. Jesus' statement about Himself (51)

Conclusion: Every verse of John 1 points to the identity of Jesus Christ. Already it is abundantly clear who Jesus is and why Jesus came. In John 20:31 John reveals his purpose for writing the book of John, "these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." As we journey forward into John in the coming weeks I would encourage you, as Philip encouraged Nathanael, "come and see."

Application Questions:

- Go back through John 1 and see how many different names for Jesus you can find
- Disciples make disciples by bringing others to Jesus. When was the last time you brought someone to Jesus? Can you think of one person in your life currently that you could “bring to Jesus”?
- What has stood out the most to you in John 1?

Children’s Application Questions:

- According to John 1:47, Nathanael was a really good person. Was Nathanael saved because he was a good person, or because he believed Jesus?
- You, like Nathanael, can be saved from your sins if you will believe Jesus. Have you ever believed that Jesus is the Son of God as John 1 testifies, and that He came to forgive you of your sins? If so, when?
- Like both Andrew and Philip you can bring others to Jesus. Can you think of one friend that you can tell about Jesus?

Similar Passages of Scripture to Explore:

- First disciples called: Matthew 4:12-22;
Mark 1:14-20; Luke 4:14-5:15
- “Follow me”: John 6:44, 15:16; Romans
8:29-30
- Jacob’s name change: Genesis 35:1-15
- Jacob’s dream: Genesis 28:10-22

Songs & Hymns to Meditate On:

- Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
- Jesus, The Son of God
- And Can It Be
- There is a Redeemer
- Across the Lands