

Come and See

John 1:43-51

(p. 1028 in pew Bible)

What is a friend?

A friend is someone who finds life and wants to share it with you.

I'VE FOUND IT!

A. Philip found abundant life in following Jesus.

B. Christians are people who have found abundant life in following Jesus.

I DOUBT IT!

A. Nathanael doubted that Jesus could be all that Philip claimed he was.

(Verse 46a)"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

B. You may doubt that Jesus is all some say he is.

COME AND SEE!

A. Philip does not offer Nathanael an argument, but an invitation.

B. Few of us are ever argued into a relationship with Jesus. We come because of who invites us.

NATHANAEL MET THE JESUS WHO ALREADY KNEW HIM

A. Jesus knew and loved Nathanael before Nathanael ever met him.

(Verse 47) When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

(Verse 48) "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

B. When you come to Jesus, you come to someone who already knows you and loves you.

(Verse 49b) Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.

(Verse 50)"You shall see greater things than that."

JESUS INVITES US TO KNOW GOD

A. Just as Philip came to Nathanael to invite him to know Jesus, Jesus came to earth to invite Nathanael to know God.

(Verse 51b)...you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

B. Just as your friend brought you here today to invite you to know more about Jesus, Jesus came to earth to invite you to know God.

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