

## Jesus the Son of God, the King of Israel: The Witness of Nathanael John 01: 46–49

### 1. *Nathanael's experience*

- a. A man of despair and prejudice
- b. A man invited to follow Jesus despite prejudice

### 2. *Nathanael's confrontation with Jesus*

- a. Jesus knew him:  
His beliefs and character
- b. Jesus knew his innermost being -  
all things about him

### 3. *Nathanael's conviction: Jesus was the Son of God*

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 is a true Israelite,  
in whom there is nothing false."

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."