

## Jesus the One Prophesied: The Witness of Philip

John 01:43–45

<p><b>1. <i>Philip's experience</i></b></p> <p>a. He was sought by Jesus Himself</p> <p>b. He was called by Jesus Himself</p> <p>c. The reason: Philip knew Andrew and Peter</p> <p><b>2. <i>Philip's first concern: Nathanael</i></b></p> <p><b>3. <i>Philip's conviction: Jesus was the One prophesied</i></b></p>	<p>43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."</p> <p>44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.</p> <p>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."</p>
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## Jesus the Son of God, the King of Israel:

### The Witness of Nathanael

John 01:46–49

<p><b>1. <i>Nathanael's experience</i></b></p> <p>a. A man of despair and prejudice</p> <p>b. A man invited to follow Jesus despite prejudice</p> <p><b>2. <i>Nathanael's confrontation with Jesus</i></b></p> <p>a. Jesus knew him: His beliefs and character</p> <p>b. Jesus knew his innermost being — all things about him</p> <p><b>3. <i>Nathanael's conviction: Jesus was the Son of God</i></b></p>	<p>46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.</p> <p>47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."</p> <p>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."</p> <p>49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."</p>
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**Jesus the Son of Man, God's Mediator:  
The Witness of Jesus Himself  
John 01:50–51**

- 1. *The response of Jesus to Nathanael (see vv. 46-49)***
- 2. *Jesus is the revelation of God: The One who reveals greater things***
- 3. *Jesus is the mediator: The One who opens the doors of heaven***
- 4. *Jesus is the Son of Man: The pattern, the perfect representative of man***

50 Jesus said,  
“You believe because I told you  
I saw you under the fig tree.  
You shall see greater things than that.”

51 He then added,  
“I tell you the truth,  
you shall see heaven open,  
and the angels of God  
ascending and descending  
on the Son of Man.”