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John 1:43-51-

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered him,
"Rabbi, you are the Son of God!
You are the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus answered him, "Because
I said to you, 'I saw you under the
fig tree,' do you believe? You will
see greater things than these."

51 And he said to him, "Truly,
truly, I say to you, you will see
heaven opened, and the angels
of God ascending and
descending on the Son of Man."



**Nathanael:
A Man Without
Deceit**

Matthew 27:57-61 –

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. **58** He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. **59** And Joseph took the body and wrapped it

in a clean linen shroud **60**
and laid it in his own new
tomb, which he had cut
in the rock. And he rolled
a great stone to the
entrance of the tomb
and went away. **61** Mary
Magdalene and the other
Mary were there, sitting
opposite the tomb.





**Joseph:
A Man With
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