

Jesus set off for Galilee. And when he arrived there, he found Philip. Jesus walked towards him. 'Philip,' Jesus said, 'follow me.' Then Jesus walked a little further.

Philip was surprised at the sudden meeting, so he ran to find Nathanael. Excitedly he said, 'I have found him! I have found Jesus, the Messiah, the son of Joseph from Nazareth!' *

Nathanael just laughed out loud. 'What? From Nazareth? You are joking! Nothing good comes from Nazareth!'

Philip looked shocked. 'Of course it can! It is him. Jesus!' But Nathanael just laughed. Philip was disappointed with Nathanael's reaction and decided that there was only one way to change his mind. 'Come and see,' he said. Reluctantly, Nathanael agreed, and off they went.

As they walked towards Jesus, he saw them first. 'Look, here is a good and honest man,' Jesus said, pointing to Nathanael. Nathanael was astonished. Jesus seemed to know him already. 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked.



Jesus smiled and told him, 'I saw you sitting under the fig tree.'

Nathanael was very puzzled. Jesus continued, saying, 'I saw you before Philip found you and called you to "Come and see".'

Nathanael looked at Jesus. Then he said to Jesus in amazement, 'You are the Son of God!'

Jesus replied, 'Do you believe because I saw you and recognised you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this. One day you will see heaven opened and the Son of Man coming in glory with angels around him.' *

John 1.43-51

* See *Share the Word*.