

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 about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' 46 Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' 48 Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' 49 Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' 50 Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' 51 And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Points of Sermon

1. Can any Good thing come out of Nazareth?

Many people will try and disqualify us from what God is asking us to do.

Personally, I had to overcome those who felt my accent would mean preaching would be something I wouldn't be able to do as I wouldn't be understood.

I actually disqualified myself for that reason and for others.

If God calls us into something, he will open the doors and equip us.

If Jesus had listened to others comments he would have been set aside too. Often people will try and put you off from your calling before it even gets started.

2. God sees you!

He loves you and he sees you. Regardless of whether you believe in him or not. He saw Phillip under the tree, and he sees us even if we think we are hiding or running from God. He never leaves us.

Many people at the minute are asking what is the point of life?

1st Commandment – love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

How can we do this. By worshiping him in whatever we're doing. Gardening, painting, baking, give thanks to him for the very breath in our body.

Soul- Will and emotions. We can glorify God by making good choices. What we eat and drink. What we speak about others.

Worshiping God is the point – it's what we are created to do.

Mind – thoughts- what are we thinking. Try not to think negatively. Let go of offences it will make you sick and bitter if you focus on things that have upset you.

3. Finally, when you know who Jesus is go and invite others to meet him.

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