

Sermon Outline/Notes

“Come and See”; Overcoming Doubt”

John 1:43-51 (1 John 1:1-6)

Introduction

- How do you handle doubts?
- The calling of Philip & Nathanael will help us answer this question

I. The Calling of Philip (vs. 43-44)

- Not the same ‘Philip’ in Acts Chapters 6 & 8 (6:5; 8:26-40)
- From Bethsaida (v. 44, Matthew 11:21-22)

II. The Calling of Nathanael (vs. 45-51)

- Philip Finds Nathanael to tell him about Jesus (vs. 45-46)
 - Philip’s simple and true witness that caused Nathanael to doubt its validity
 - Truth: Jesus is He of whom “Moses in the Law” and also “the prophets” wrote about (Genesis 49:10-12; Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
 - Cause Doubt: “Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph” (vs. 45b-46a; Matthew 2:23; 1:18-25; 13:10-17; Philippians 3:12)
 - “Come and See” – The answer to doubt (v. 46b)
- Nathanael encounters the Messiah & all Doubt is erased (vs. 47-51)
 - Jesus’ insight into Nathanael’s heart (vs. 47-48; Psalm 32:2; Romans 2:28-29)
 - Nathanael declares that Jesus is Prophet, Priest & King of Israel (v. 49)
 - “Rabbi” – Teacher/Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19; John 1:18; 15:15)
 - “Son of God” – Only Savior & Priest (Psalm 2; Isaiah 43:11-13; Hebrews 7:18-28)
 - “King of Israel” (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Hebrews 1:5-8; Ephesians 1:20-23)
 - “Great things” shall be seen (vs. 50-51)
 - Jesus gave many proofs to who He was and is – Not all of them were written down (John 21:25)

Conclusion/Application

- Doubt? “Come and see” – Point doubt & doubters to Jesus – letting God speak through His word
- Find answers in God’s word, praying for God’s grace to give you understanding & wisdom
- Meditate on 1 John 4:4-6 and “test the spirits”