

Some of the First Disciples

John 1:43-51

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I. Introduction and Review

- A. What we learned in verses 24-42
 - 1. Four days – vs. 19-28; 29-34; 35-42; 43-51
 - 2. Key words:
 - a. Staying – vs. 38, 39
 - b. Found – vs. 40, 45
 - c. Brought – v. 42
 - d. Follow – v. 45
 - 3. A word about “sign” – John 1:32, 33
- B. Where are we headed today? – vs. 43-51
 - 1. Philip and Nathanael join the team

II. Day Four – vs. 43-51

- A. Philip – vs. 43-45
 - 1. *“The next day”*, day four in this series – v. 43
 - 2. *“He purposed”*, a plan, a burden – v. 43
 - 3. *“He found Philip”* – v. 43
 - 4. The command of Jesus, *“Follow Me”* – v. 43
 - 5. Philip was from Bethsaida where Andrew and Peter were from – v. 44
 - 6. Philip finds Nathanael – v. 45
- B. Nathanael – vs. 46-51
 - 1. His initial doubts – v. 46
 - 2. His high complement from Jesus – v. 47
 - a. *“in whom there is no deceit”*, it speaks highly of his honesty and sincerity
 - 3. Introduction to omniscience – vs. 48-51
 - a. Our God knows all things both actual and possible
 - b. Jesus in verse 51 is saying He is Jacob’s Ladder
 - c. In Chapter One Jesus is called: the Word – v. 1; God – v.1; Creator – v. 3; Light – v. 7; only begotten God – v. 18; Lamb of God – vs. 29, 36; Son of God – vs. 34, 39; Messiah – v. 41; King of Israel – v. 49; Son of man – v. 51
- C. Some things worth repeating

- 1. The normal process is someone (another believer) finds us (found verses 41 and 43) and brought (verse 42) to Jesus and then follows Him (verse 43)
- 2. God’s desire is for us to abide; be at home with Him
 - a. See verses 38, 39; 15:5
- 3. We then in turn bring others.
 - a. Is it right to find something all people need and not tell where we found it?
 - i. II Kings 6
- 4. If Jesus, the Lamb of God, paid for the sins of the world, then we must take that good news to the world.
 - a. Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8
- 5. The price has been paid but it must be personally accepted and believed – John 3:16