



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **John 1: 45-51**

Philip found Nathanael and told him,

"We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

But Nathanael said to him,

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him,

"Here is a true child of Israel.

There is no duplicity in him."

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

Nathanael answered him,

"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Do you believe

because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than this."

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

# **Our Scripture Reflection**

Jesus said of Nathanael, "There is no duplicity in Him.": Jesus had recognized qualities in him that would make for a good disciple. Nathanael was truthful and single-minded. We are called to be the same if we are to reflect the light of Christ. Oh, how the world needs that light!

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## **Food for your Journey**

In Edith Wharton's (1862-1937) poem "Vesalius in Zante" she writes, "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." In this way I believe Jesus calls us not to be simply a mirror that reflects his light, but to be our own unique candle that is lit with the light of Christ.

—Daniel U'Ren.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, I offer you humbly my heart and mind. Help me to use the gifts You have given me so that I may be a light amidst the darkness in our world. Amen.