



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

I love the sarcastic and presumptuous statement: "can anything good come from Nazareth?" It's the same as asking, "Can anything good come from Boalsburg, from Logan, from Huntington, from Winston-Salem, etc., etc."

Nathanael and the others would soon learn that the Savior of the world would, indeed, come from humble beginnings and go on to lay down His life for His Friends. St. Paul knew all too well that God can make all things happen using all things for His purposes (Romans 8:28).

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.

A Prayer from the Heart

Heavenly Father, You can use anyone and any situation to achieve Your purposes. I humbly offer my time and talent, my very life to You. Use me, Lord, according to Your Holy Will. Amen