

A long, dark bridge spans across a body of water under a vibrant sunset sky. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and purple. The bridge's structure is silhouetted against the bright horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky, and the overall scene is peaceful and serene.

# 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.”

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### Our Scripture Reflection

But Nathanael said to him,

“Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

Nathaniel was not the only person who questioned the validity of Our Lord Jesus!

The Pharisees and scribes questioned, the Apostles questioned, especially the doubter

Thomas, Pilate questioned and to this day atheists, agnostics and skeptics of all stripes

continue to question. Yet Jesus reigns eternal as Christ and King and He continues to manifest the power of His love in our world. Those who are humble see Him!

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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**

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change.

Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

St. Teresa of Avila