

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

Nathanael asks Phillip about Jesus, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" My oh my, was he ever in for a surprise! From where are you? When others witness your behavior as a disciple of Jesus, will they say anything good about you??? Do you stand out from the crowd as someone who truly lives what you say you believe? If not, why not?

Food for your Journey

Millions of people throughout the world call themselves Christians. From Roman Catholics to Protestants, from fundamentalists to liberals, there are many different perspectives about what it means to be a Christian. One can become lost in the complexity of beliefs, dogmas, moral injunctions, and religious rites.

But in a larger context – that of daily life – it is often impossible to distinguish one Christian from another, or even a Christian from a non-Christian. Most Christians blend in with the values, lifestyles, economics and politics of the predominant culture of their society.

But it wasn't always this way. Once upon a time, Christians stood out from the crowd.

– Kurt Struckmeyer, <http://followingjesus.org/>. Retrieved August 4, 2008.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I pray for Your Grace this day so that I may reveal to the world what it truly means to be Your disciple. Amen.

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