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## Seeing Things

**John 1:43-51** <sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to set out for Galilee. Finding Philip, He told him, "Follow Me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law, the One the prophets foretold—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>"Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, He said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit." <sup>48</sup>"How do You know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." <sup>49</sup>"Rabbi," Nathanael answered, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>Then He declared, "Truly, truly, I tell you, you will see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."  
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I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. This is the day after the calling of Peter. V.43
- B. Phillip is called by Jesus to follow Him. V. 43
- C. Phillip testified to Nathaniel that he had found the Messiah. V. 45
- D. Nathaniel held a deep prejudice against people from Nazareth. V. 46
- E. Jesus spoke words of knowledge to Nathaniel. V. 47-48
- F. This supernatural wisdom penetrated through to Nathaniel and he immediately believed. V. 49
- G. Jesus informed Nathaniel that the best is yet to come. V. 50-51

II. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. We do not all encounter Jesus the same.
- B. No one is beyond hope. It may be our prejudices that are getting in the way.
- C. We need to be open to God doing amazing things through us and around us.
- D. We must open our eyes up to the supernatural.
- E. We must be a disciple before we can truly reach out to others.
- F. Making disciples of Jesus is what we all need to be about.