

An Encounter with Jesus

John 1:43-51

In our passage today, we see an encounter between Jesus and a young man, named Nathanael. Nathan was a bright young Hebrew teen from the town of Bethsaida who had been passed over. He came from a poor, blue collar family. No Rabbi had called this young man to become a disciple, so he had probably resigned himself to a tedious life of commercial fishing. You can sense the cynical attitude growing inside, especially in his response to a friend's news about a possible Messiah sighting.

Then Nathan meets Jesus, and his life is forever changed. What can we learn from this encounter? What did Jesus say that softened this young cynic's heart?

- I. Jesus sees you.
- II. Jesus knows you.
- III. Jesus calls you.