

Follow Me!

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The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.”⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown. ⁴⁵ Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied. ⁴⁷ As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.” ⁴⁸ “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.” ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” ⁵¹ Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

– John 1:43-51 (NLT)

“Jesus Sees You”

He sees all your doubts and fears.

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—**but some of them doubted!**

– Matthew 28:16-17 (NLT)

**You don’t have to have Jesus
all figured out to follow Him!**

He sees your annoying flaws and bad attitudes.

When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

– Luke 9:54-55 (NLT)

**Saints are just sinners with
a few more rough edges filed off!**

He sees your past pain and failures.

“I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”

– John 4:17-18 (NLT)

He also sees your future potential!

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

– 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

When Jesus saw Nathaniel, He didn’t focus on the doubter. He focused on the Disciple!