



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### John 1:43-51 Study Hints for Discussion

#### **Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further**

below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. What is the first thing John tells us that Philip did after Jesus called him to follow Him?**

He obeyed Jesus and followed Him, and then he sought Nathanael to tell him about Jesus the Messiah.

#### **2. How did Philip describe Jesus when he talked about Him. Was he totally right in his description? How was Philip almost right or almost wrong?**

Philip said, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” He did not know yet that Jesus is the adopted son of Joseph, because Jesus is the Son of God conceived by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary. Jesus is fully God

and fully man. Jesus was born in Bethlehem but was from Nazareth.

**3. When Nathanael objected to Philip's conclusions about Jesus, what did Philip tell him to do? What can we learn from their responses?**

Philip said, "Come and see." We can invite people to study the Bible with us or come to our church or Bible study group to "come and see" if they will believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, the Son of God and Messiah.

**4. How did Jesus describe Nathanael? How did Jesus say that He knew that about Nathanael?**

Jesus described Nathanael as an Israelite in whom was no deceit or guile. Jesus said He saw Nathanael under the fig tree before Philip called him.

**5. After talking with Jesus, what did Nathanael decide about Jesus? Do you believe Nathanael was right or wrong?**

He decided that Jesus was a Rabbi and Jesus would be his teacher. More importantly, he said Jesus is the Son of God and the King of Israel. Nathanael was right.

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