

# Class Structure

03/05/23

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation
- 3: *Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English*
- 4: Play Cross of Christ game

**1: Lords Prayer English & Greek** *(Pray with class)*

**2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**

*The Gospel for 03/05/2023*

*(Get a Student to Read) Ask who wants to read the Gospel*

## **John 1:43-51** *(New King James Version)*

### **Philip and Nathanael**

**43** The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, **“Follow Me.”**

As Christ asked Philip to follow him he also asks us. He doesn't command us He asks us because God gave us free will. It is our choice to follow God or not.

**44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

**45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

Phillip said he found the Christ in Nazareth. This was confusing to those who studied the scriptures because they were looking for the Christ to come from Bethlehem. If they looked closely, they would have seen that he was born there.

**46** And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Phillip was so sure that he said Nathaniel “Come and see.” so that he would believe as well.

**47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, **“Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”**

Just as God knows everything that we do, say or feel our whole life. Jesus also knew Nathanael and described in one sentence exactly

**48** Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, **“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”**

When Nathanael asked, "How do You know me?" he was curious because he felt that Jesus must have met him before, through Christ's description. When Christ answered, he showed his divinity in the following sentences. He said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." In this way, he gave Nathanael information about himself that no one knew because it was before Phillip talked to him. It was when he was alone by himself.

**49** Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

When Nathanael realized what Jesus said, only God could know he said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!", admitting that this is the Christ.

**50** Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

Next Jesus tell Nathanael about the future saying, "You will see greater things than these."

**51** And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Then he tells him specifically, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." Here Christ foreshadows the future event of his crucifixion.

We can see and apply this Gospel to all of us. Jesus calls us all to himself, but it is our free will to go; we are not forced. If we study the scripture, we will see and believe Jesus is the Christ, and He will teach us things about ourselves. We will admit it to everyone through our speech and our belief. Then when we open our eyes, we will see the miracles God reveals to us in our lives and will strive to follow Jesus's commandments, as stated in **Mark 12:30-31** **30** which says "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'**"

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