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COME AND SEE, JOHN 1:43-46

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- The Apostle Matthew begins his gospel in **Matthew 1:1 NIV**, This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham
 - Mark began his gospel in **Mark 1:1-3 NIV**, 1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
 - “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”— 3 “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”
 - Luke started his gospel in **Luke 1:3-4 NIV**, 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

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- The Apostle John reached all the way back to creation for his introduction of Jesus, **John 1:1 NIV**, 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - **Genesis 1:3 NIV**, 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
 - God spoke his word, “Let there be light”
 - **Exodus 19:17 NIV**, 17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God
 - Old Hebrew editions, “Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet the word of God.”
 - There was no physical manifestation of God, they just heard His voice
 - In the mind of the ancient Jews, the phrase “the word of God” could be used to refer to God Himself

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- With this opening John is saying, “For centuries you’ve been talking, thinking, and writing about the Word, the voice of God, now I will tell you who He is.”
 - **Hebrews 4:15 NIV**, For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
 - How is it possibly that Jesus could understand me?
 - How can He possibly understand mine or your past, failures, fears, sinfulness?

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- **John 1:14 NIV**, The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - God the Father placed Him not in a palace or a thriving city but in a backwater, ill thought of, stained reputation city called Nazareth
 - What can possibly come from a life lived in a place like that?
 - God's answer is, "Come and See"

Scripture

- **John 1:43-46 NIV**, 43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”
 - 44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
 - 46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

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- TV Show - Lie To Me, Dr. Paul Ekman PhD, Developed a Facial Action Coding System, and body language for determining truth or lies
 - Character Ria Torres was a natural at this, learned from years of abuse as a child from her father
 - Dr. Cal Lightman, “Your father made you who you are today”
 - Something good came out of her years of abuse she had never identified
- We find Jesus this morning doing what He was sent for, “To seek and save the lost” (*Luke 19:10*)

It is so good to be found by Jesus

- **Vs. 43**, The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”
 - This is how salvation comes to each of us
 - **John 6:44 NIV**, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.”
 - Draw - a gentle persuasion deep within a person’s being
 - Finding – not accidentally running into Philip but a deliberate going to him
 - Jesus invites Philip into His world with a simple statement
 - “Follow Me”
 - The same invitation offered to you today, “Follow me”

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- “Follow Me”
 - What did Philip find out by spending time with Jesus
 - **Vs. 45**, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
 - Where did he get a silly idea like that?
 - What we call The Old Testament
 - **2nd Timothy 3:16-17 NIV**, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - Philip was fundamentally changed the day he was found by Jesus

Nathanael's response on hearing about Jesus was an accurate human response

- Nathanael shook his head upon hearing the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph and responded like everyone else would have
 - Vs. 46, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"
 - Hear what he is saying
 - Anyplace else but Nazareth
 - How can Israel's King come out of Nazareth, let alone anything good at all!?
 - We're supposed to have a conquering King and Kings don't come from someplace like Nazareth"
 - Do you hear disgust in his statement

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- Vs. 46, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”
 - Nathanael looked at the current disgrace and the mess that was Nazareth and said, “No way something good from there? Impossible”
 - Jesus of Nazareth was a statement Jesus heard many times from his adversaries, demons, and even at his crucifixion
 - Luke 4:33-34 NIV, 33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, 34 “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

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 - **John 19:19-22 NIV**, 19 Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: jesus of nazareth, the king of the jews. 20 Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. 21 The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

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- Vs. 46, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"
 - The name Nazareth meant something different after His resurrection
 - Acts 3:6 NIV, Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."
 - Do you ever feel that way, ever look at your life and your circumstances and think, "How can anything good come out of this?"
 - I have done nothing but make a mess and disgrace of my life;
 - I am nothing special, I mess up everything I touch; I can't do anything right,
 - I've hurt people, disappointed people, and my life is a cesspool of sin and disgrace; what good can come out of my life?"

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- **Vs. 46**, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”
 - Do you ever look at your life and your circumstances and wonder “Can God bring anything good come out of this?”
 - I have been left unwanted, maybe abused
 - I have nowhere to turn for help and answers;
 - And this situation in my life is too big and too bad
 - All I see are negative outcomes
 - How can anything good come out of this?”
 - Philip's answer to you this morning is the same as for Nathanael

Come and see Jesus

- Vs. 46, “Come and see”
 - Not just come and hear
 - Greek word see - conveys the idea of perceiving, experiencing, or becoming acquainted with something
 - In the context of this verse Philip is saying to Nathanael, “Come and experience Jesus”
 - Have you truly experienced Jesus?

Come and see Jesus

- Vs. 46, “Come and see”
 - Here was Nathaniel’s question, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”
 - Jesus came out Nazareth and because of that
 - Forgiveness came out of the cross
 - Life came out of death
 - Jesus came out of the tomb
 - Because He lives, He says to us now in **Romans 8:28 NIV**, And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
 - **MSG**, We can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

Come and see Jesus

- Vs. 46, “Come and see”
 - Hear Philip say, “I know it doesn’t make any sense; I know it seems impossible; but you just have to experience for yourself Nathanael”
 - That is the difference; we need to experience personally the true Jesus

Come and see Jesus

- Vs. 46, “Come and see”
 - The whole gospel message is essentially a message about how good came out of bad
 - Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers
 - Two criminals crucified next to Jesus
 - Both in the same dire situation – dying by crucifixion
 - One presumably died without Christ, the other to eternity with Christ
 - What’s the difference?
 - They both made a big stinking mess and disgrace of their lives! What’s the difference?
 - One experienced the saving grace of Jesus through their faith in Him

Come and See

- Hymn - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

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