

John 1: 35-51 (The Testimony of the Called)

Jesus begins to gather his disciples (vv 35 – 42)

- The second day of the new creation
- How do we reconcile this with Mk 1:16?
- Simon becomes Peter
- A small beginning
- The quality of faith
- Messiah as King and Christ

The calling of Nathaniel (vv 43 - 51)

- Can anything good come out of Nazareth?
- A true Israelite in whom there is no deceit
- I saw you under the fig tree
- Heaven opened

Questions for consideration:

1. What were the disciples seeking from Jesus?
2. What is the significance of Jesus giving a new name to Simon?
3. How does Philip describe Jesus to Nathaniel? What is Nathaniel's response?
4. Why does Jesus call Nathaniel an Israelite, and not a Jew?
5. What Jesus mean when he says they will see Heaven opened?