

The start of the church

A scenic landscape view from a hillside. The foreground is a grassy slope with some trees and a small yellow-flowered bush. The middle ground shows a valley with a town, fields, and a lake. The background features rolling hills and a cloudy sky.

John 1: 43-51

NB

1. How low it all started
2. How small it all started
3. How simply it all started



The pattern for the first two days

A fisherman in a small boat is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset over the ocean. He is holding a large, circular fishing net that is spread out, catching the light from the setting sun. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The water is dark with some whitecaps.

- Jesus calls one person
- That person invites another

Nathaniel



- He meditated on the Bible (Old Testament)
- He thought about Jacob
 - Deceitful
 - Too clever by half
 - Supplanter

Nathaniel was a man of integrity

Nathaniel's revelation

- 'Teacher you really are the Son of God, the King of Israel.'



Philip's mistakes

- The Messiah is the son of Joseph
- The Messiah is from Nazareth

But Philip simply says

'Come and see'



Two thrills

1. Your first contact with Jesus
2. Your first convert for Jesus

