

You Are God's Son, Israel's King: John 1:43-51

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

REVIEW: What John is about and John 1:1-42

Geography and Seven-Day Chronology of 1:19–2:11

Day 1 in Batanea: John the Baptist's interrogators (1:19-28)

Day 2 in Batanea: John first signals Lamb of God (1:29-34)

Day 3 in Batanea: John again signals Lamb of God (1:35-40)

Day 4(4a?) in Batanea: Andrew takes Peter to Jesus (1:41-42)

Day 5(4b?) on way to Galilee: going toward Galilee (1:43-51)

Day 6(5?) between Batanea and Cana: a sabbath(?)

Day 7(6?) in Cana of Galilee: at a wedding—third day (2:1-11)

(1:19-28 message noted that Bethabara to Cana would be too long a trip to arrive on the third day (days 5-7), especially since day 6 seems to be a Sabbath. This is one of my reasons for favoring Batanea. Cf. 1:19-28 message)

EXPOSITION:

Jesus told Philip (Before Going to Galilee) to follow Him (1:43)

Philip of Bethsaida told Nathanael that they Had Found the 2 Messiah, Jesus (Joseph's Son) from Nazareth (1:44-45)

Philip, Andrew, and Peter are all from Bethsaida in Galilee

Nathanael is from Cana of Galilee (John 21:2)

Jesus was Joseph's adopted son (virgin birth)

Jesus lived in Nazareth (Galilee); born in Bethlehem (Judea)

Nathanael Scoffed that Nothing Good Comes from Nazareth; but Philip told Him to See Jesus Anyway (1:46)

We can answer objections: Come and see

Nathanael is from Cana of Galilee, so he is not a Judean ridiculing Galilee, as some suppose. Cana was near Nazareth, so he scores a taunt against a nearby town. Probably, he means: The Messiah is from Bethlehem.

Cf. John 7:42

Where Jesus is from (heaven? Nazareth? Bethlehem?) 3
is a point of contention in John's narrative.

Note John 3:13, 31; 6:38, 41f, 45f, 50f, 58, 62; 7:27ff,
41f; 8:14, 23, 25, 42; 9:29f; 16:28, 30; 17:8; 19:9

1. As God and Man, Jesus is *ultimately* from Heaven
2. Jesus (by birth) is from Bethlehem of Judea
3. Jesus (by residence) is from Nazareth of Galilee

*He is from heaven, from Bethlehem & from Nazareth.
Readers should discern this by the end of the book.*

His relation to Joseph (as human father) is a controversy:

In 6:42, people use Joseph to deny His Heavenly origin

In 8:41, people hint that He had an illegitimate birth

*He calls the Father Father; the Holy Spirit caused
Mary's virgin conception; Joseph was adopted father.
The Father, the Spirit & Joseph each had a father role
Readers should discern this by the end of the book.*

Jesus Called Nathanael an Israelite without Guile (1:47) 4

Nathanael's puzzlement over what Philip said was legitimate

Nathanael Could Not Imagine that He Already Knew him (1:48a)

**Jesus Told Him that He Knew him Even Before Philip Called him
Under the Fig Tree (1:48b)**

Nathanael Confessed Jesus as God's Son, Israel's King (1:49)

**Jesus Complemented Nathanael for Believing after Minimal
Proof; Jesus Will Do Far Greater Proofs (1:50)**

He Will Prove to Be the Mediator between God and Man (1:51)

CONCLUSION