

JOHN 1:29-51

The Jesus People Met – Nathanael

They say you should never judge a book by its cover, but we do it all the time. Talk about some of the ways we do it in everyday life ...

READ JOHN 1:29-42

1. Three times in our Bible passage, we read the words 'The next day' (vv. 29, 35, 43). Look back over verses 19-28 and list the things that have happened in the lead up to these big three days.
2. Twice, John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the 'Lamb of God' (vv. 29, 36). See if you can identify some of the Old Testament themes and events that might lie behind this title.
3. Following Jesus is a big theme in all four Gospels. Discuss some of the costs of following Jesus for these first disciples, and how might they be similar/different today?

READ JOHN 1:43-51

4. What is the personal significance of Galilee for Jesus? How does Isaiah 9:1-7 shed light on its significance in broader salvation-history?
5. How is it possible that the words of both Moses and the Prophets can be rightly described as written about 'Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph' (v. 45)?
6. Comment on the relationship between 'seeing' and 'believing' in Nathaniel's encounter with Jesus. How does this relationship play out for us today?
7. To what events might Jesus' words in verse 51 be referring? How have we seen greater things too?

Application: After meeting Jesus face-to-face, Nathaniel's false assumptions and barriers to belief simply melt away. What are some of the assumptions and barriers we erect against Jesus today? How can they be overcome?

Pray for the conversion of whole families in the follow up to the Holiday Kid's Club and the Parish Toolbox Dinner last week ...