



Sermon Questions

September 7, 2025 | Scripture: John 1:43-51

Jesus Meets Us In Our Skepticism

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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1. Read John 1:1-14 aloud. Focusing on v14, consider how this prologue to John's gospel informs how we read an account full of meetings with people.
2. Who is Jesus, according to this prologue (1:1-14)? List descriptions of him.
3. In verse 46, Philip invites Nathanael to come and behold Jesus, but in verse 47, it is Jesus who beholds Nathanael. What does this, and verse 48, teach us about coming to Jesus?
4. Nathanael was suspicious of Jesus based on his association with Nazareth (v46), but worshipped Jesus when he saw him (v49). How could this contrast inform our evangelism and discipleship?
5. Jesus promises, in verses 50-51, that Nathanael will see greater things than just being known. What are your expectations and vision for life as a Christian? How does Jesus' statement encourage or challenge these?
6. Pastor Weston at Herndon mentioned two causes of our skepticism: cultural biases, and intellectual biases. How might our cultural and intellectual biases keep us from beholding Jesus as he truly is?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these

Scriptures:

- Genesis 1
- 1 Samuel 3
- Psalm 33
- John 1:29-42
- Colossians 1:15-23
- Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Serve: Could you meet with a younger Christian in the church to read the Bible one-to-one? Contact Austin Kettle, Pastor of Community Life, for training.

Pray: Ask the Lord to pour out his grace on our church family and the lost around us as we look at interactions Jesus had with so many different people this fall. Pray that we would glorify him and grow in his image.

The cryptic reference to the angels as "ascending and descending upon this Son of Man" alludes to Jacob's dream of a ladder stretching from heaven to earth, on which the angels ascend and descend (Gen 28:12). [...] But curiously, although Jesus promises heavenly revelation, the disciples will see no heavens torn asunder and no angels: rather, they will become witnesses to Jesus' daily life and work. And here, in his deeds and life, they will see the "heaven opened"; as the "Son of Man" he is the "ladder" who links heaven and earth [...] Jesus' promise to Nathanael to see "greater things" will be fulfilled initially when Jesus manifests his glory in his first sign (2:11). If the disciples expected to look up in order to see the opened heavens, John invites them instead to look at what is right in front of them: to look at the Word made flesh, the man Jesus of Nazareth, and there to see the revelation of the glory of God.

Marianne Meye Thompson, [John: A Commentary](#), (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 53-54.