

## Episode 2: I Saw You: Nathanael Under the Fig Tree

### Quick Summary

The disciples are waiting for Jesus to come back to head to Syria. A mysterious visitor comes looking for permission to meet Jesus. Jesus' disciples are suspicious of the man and ask him why he wants to meet Jesus. The man refuses to reveal his business. Eventually, they allow him to meet Jesus, and he reveals himself as Philip, a disciple of John the Baptist who wants to follow Jesus. We meet another new character, Nathaniel, an architect who goes through a turbulent time in his life after a building he was working on collapses. Nathaniel receives encouragement from Philip to follow Jesus. John returns from Syria with news that people are gathering to meet Jesus.

### Read it in the Bible

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 27:7-9; Ezekiel 39 (Prophecy against God that the disciples recite); Matthew 10 (Jesus sends out the disciples); John 1:43-51 (Jesus calls Phillip and Nathanael)

### Characters

Jesus, Thaddeus, Phillip, Nathanael, Andrew & Peter, Thomas, Rema, Mary Magdalene, Matthew

### Getting Started

1. What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)
2. What was your favorite moment from this episode?
3. What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?
4. What observations did you make while watching this episode?
5. Was there a scene or truth that impacted you emotionally?
6. Was there anything confusing about this episode?
7. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?

### Discussion Questions

1. The episode begins and ends with Nathanael. He thought his life was lost, only to discover something beautiful after meeting Jesus. He told the bartender that he had died of "hubris." What did he mean and why is that significant to the story?
2. Phillip played several roles in the episode, but he played a key role in bringing Nathanael to Jesus. Nathanael said, "I've never seen you talk like this." What will it take for you to talk so compellingly about Jesus to someone?
3. What can you conclude by Jesus' being aware of Nathanael's lowest moment?
4. What joke did Phillip tell Matthew to help him loosen up? What did you think about the way he related with Matthew?
5. Matthew said he felt "outside the circle." What did he mean, and can you identify?

6. We see another instance of the life of Jesus being written down in Matthew's journal. Why is that meaningful?
7. Peter advocated for more structure. What was he really wanting?
8. Jesus said, "Each brings something unique to the whole. I want every voice heard. We can all learn something from each other." This seems to echo Paul's teaching about spiritual gifts. Why do we need each other?

## Quotes

"I don't know what he sees in me." -Matthew

"I was something else once too. They want to define us by our past, our sins." -Phillip

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