

The Story of Phillip & Nathanael

(Told in the style of The Complete Guide to Godly Play by Jerome Berryman)

This is the story the very first people ever to follow Jesus. These are the first people who learned from Jesus how to love God and how to love people. The first was Andrew. Andrew was a fisherman. That was how he made his living.

One day, when Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Andrew and his brother Peter in a boat. Jesus told them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."



And immediately, Andrew and Peter left their boat and followed Jesus. That makes Peter the second person to follow Jesus.

Then, as they were walking, they saw James and his brother, John.

They were also fishermen, and they were next to their boat, fixing their fishing nets.

Jesus called them to follow him, and immediately they left their nets in the boat and followed him.

The next day, Jesus saw Philip, sitting near his house. He said, "Follow me," and Philip did. Philip was the fifth person to follow Jesus. But before he left with Jesus, Philip went to find his friend Nathanael.

Nathanael was sitting by himself under a fig tree. "Nathanael," Philip called, "We have found the person all the prophets were writing about, Jesus, son of Joseph, from the town of Nazareth!"



Nathanael didn't think anything good could come from a small, poor village like Nazareth, but Philip said, "Come and see!"

When Nathanael got to Jesus, Jesus said, "Here is a truly honest man."

Nathanael said, "Where did you hear about me?"

Jesus said, "I saw you sitting under the fig tree before Philip called you." So Nathanael realized that Jesus was a prophet, and he became the sixth person to follow Jesus.