# “Come And See”

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Text: Jn. 1:43-51

## Intro

1. We all learn in various different ways:
   1. Manuals (reading), Instructions (verbal), Visual Aids or “How-To’s” (seeing)
2. Jesus was teaching in the area of Galilee where He found and called Philip to follow Him:
   1. *Jn. 1:40-42:* Andrew brought his brother Peter to Him.
   2. Jn. 1:43-46: Philip, like Andrew, could not keep the good news to himself.
   3. He went and found his friend Nathanael and told him that he had discovered the long promised Messiah in Jesus of Nazareth.
   4. We may not know what great deeds someone will accomplish for Christ, but we need to introduce them! *(Like the Sower, sow the seed: you don’t know their heart – Mt. 13:18-23)*
   5. Nathanael's reaction was to declare that Nazareth was not the kind of place that anything good was likely to come out of.
      1. Philip didn’t argue.
      2. He simply said: “Come and see!”
3. Jn. 1:47-51: Seeing & hearing Jesus was enough for Nathanael.
   1. Just seeing that Jesus knew who he was and saw him under the fig tree was all it took.
   2. Jesus declared to him that “greater things than these” would be seen, that His deity would be demonstrated.
4. Phillip said, “Come and see,” so let us invite others to “come and see” the “greater things” about Jesus!

## Come And See His Birth

1. Prophesied by Isaiah *(Is. 7:14; 9:6-7).*
2. Promised to Joseph *(Mt. 1:21: “He will save His people from their sins”)*
3. Born in Bethlehem of Judea – Micah 5:2; Lk. 2:3-7
4. The angel chorus sings his praises to the shepherds – Lk. 2:8-14 (*Shepherds visit Him: 2:15-16).*
5. He is honored by the wise men from the East *(Mt. 2:7-12, 16).*

## Come And See His Life

1. Born to poor parents – Lev. 12:8; Lk. 2:22-24: Offering of two turtledoves
2. His visit to Jerusalem at age 12 *(Lk. 2:42-52: “All who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers”).*
3. He was obedient to His earthly parents *(Lk. 2:51).*
4. He worked as a carpenter *(Mk. 6:3).*
5. His baptism by John – Mt. 3:13-17
6. He had no place of His own *(Mt. 8:20).*

## Come And See His Example

1. He went about doing His Father's business *(Lk. 2:49).*
2. Loyalty to the Father's will *(Lk. 22:41-42: “Not My will, but Yours be done”).*
3. Humility in life and death – Jn. 13:13-15 *(Phil. 2:5-8: Bond-Servant).*
4. He learned obedience *(Heb. 5:8-9).*
5. Honored His parents *(Lk. 2:51; Jn. 19:26-27; Eph. 6:1-3: “Honor your father & mother”)*
6. He left us an example to be followed – Jn. 13:13-17; I Pet. 2:21-25

## Come And See His Teaching

1. He used simple language; spoke parables about sheep, farming, the weather, and fishing; the common people understood Him – Mt. 7:28-29
2. His teaching came from God *(Jn. 12:49-50).*
3. He spoke of our duty to others *(Mt. 7:12).*
4. His teaching was superior to Law *(Mt. 5:21-28).*
5. He taught us to love our enemies *(Mt. 5:43-48).*
6. He taught us to love one another the way He loved us – Jn. 13:34-35

## Come And See His Mission

1. He came to do His Father's will *(Jn. 6:38).*
2. Preached that the kingdom was near *(Mt. 4:17).*
3. He came to seek and save the lost *(Lk. 19:10).*
4. He came to give proofs (miracles) of His deity – Mt. 11:2-6 *(Is. 35:4-6; 61)*
5. He fulfilled the law – Mt. 5:17-18; Jn. 17:4
6. He "ever lives" to make intercession for us *(Heb. 7:25).*

## Come And See His Sacrifice

1. He laid down His own life *(Jn. 15:13).*
2. Gave His life as a ransom for many *(Mt. 20:28).*
3. He died for all men – Heb. 2:9
4. Redemption from the bondage of sin – Col. 1:13-14 (I Pet. 1:17-19)
5. He purchased the church with His blood *(Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25).*

## Come And See His Resurrection

1. His tomb was empty on the first day of the week! – Lk. 24:1-7
2. He appeared to the apostles (except Thomas) the same day in a locked room *(Jn. 20:19-24).*
3. Eight days later He appeared to all of them and told Thomas to touch Him to believe *(Jn. 20:26-29)*
4. He performed many miracles that people would believe in Him as the Son of God! *(Jn. 20:30-31).*
5. He appeared not only to the apostles but to many people, inlcuding Paul – I Cor. 15:4-8

## Come And See His Ascension

1. He ascended into the clouds – Acts 1:9-10
2. He promised to return in the same way *(Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:16-17)*
3. He sits at the right hand of God, awaiting the time to return – Col. 3:1; Heb. 9:28

## Conclusion

* + 1. A brief but complete look at Christ while here on earth – The gospel is simplistic:
  1. *I Cor. 15:1-8:* He lived, He died, and He rose from the dead.
     1. Jesus told Nathanael that he would see “greater things”:
  2. *Jn. 1:50-51:* “You will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
     1. Nathanael believed from seeing far less than what most people saw!

1. Jn. 11:53, 57: The chief priests wanted to seize Jesus to kill Him *(After He raised Lazarus!).*
2. Jn. 12:9-11: The chief priests wanted to not only kill Jesus but also Lazarus! *(Many believed in Jesus after He raised Lazarus from the dead!)*
3. Jn. 12:42-43: Many of the rulers believed but not enough to confess Him! *(Mt. 10:32-33)*
4. Jn. 20:28: Thomas believed after he saw Christ raised from the dead *(Jn. 20:29: “Blessed are those who believe and do not see”).*
   * 1. Philip said to Nathanael, “Come and see.”
     2. Nathanael came, saw, believed, and confessed Him to be the Son of God & King of Israel. *(Jn. 1:49)*
     3. What do you see when you see Jesus?
     4. Do you see just a man, or do you see the Son of God who left the glories of heaven to come to this sin-cursed earth—the one who gave His life as a ransom for many? *(Phil. 2:5-8; Mt. 20:28)*
     5. Jesus left no doubt as to His identity and what He expects of man:
        1. Mt. 10:32-33: Confess Him – be confessed; deny Him – be denied!
     6. We have the complete picture, the full account of the “greater things” (Jn. 20:30-31) – What hinders you from obeying the gospel?
     7. Are you like Nathanael, the rulers of Jesus’ day, or like Thomas?
     8. Have you believed Christ, confessed Him, and obeyed Him in baptism?
     9. If you are not a Christian, you need to be! Your debt has been paid. Repent and be baptized!
     10. If a Christian with sin in your life, get rid of it to be found ready when He returns. Repent!
     11. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!