

Nathanael of Cana

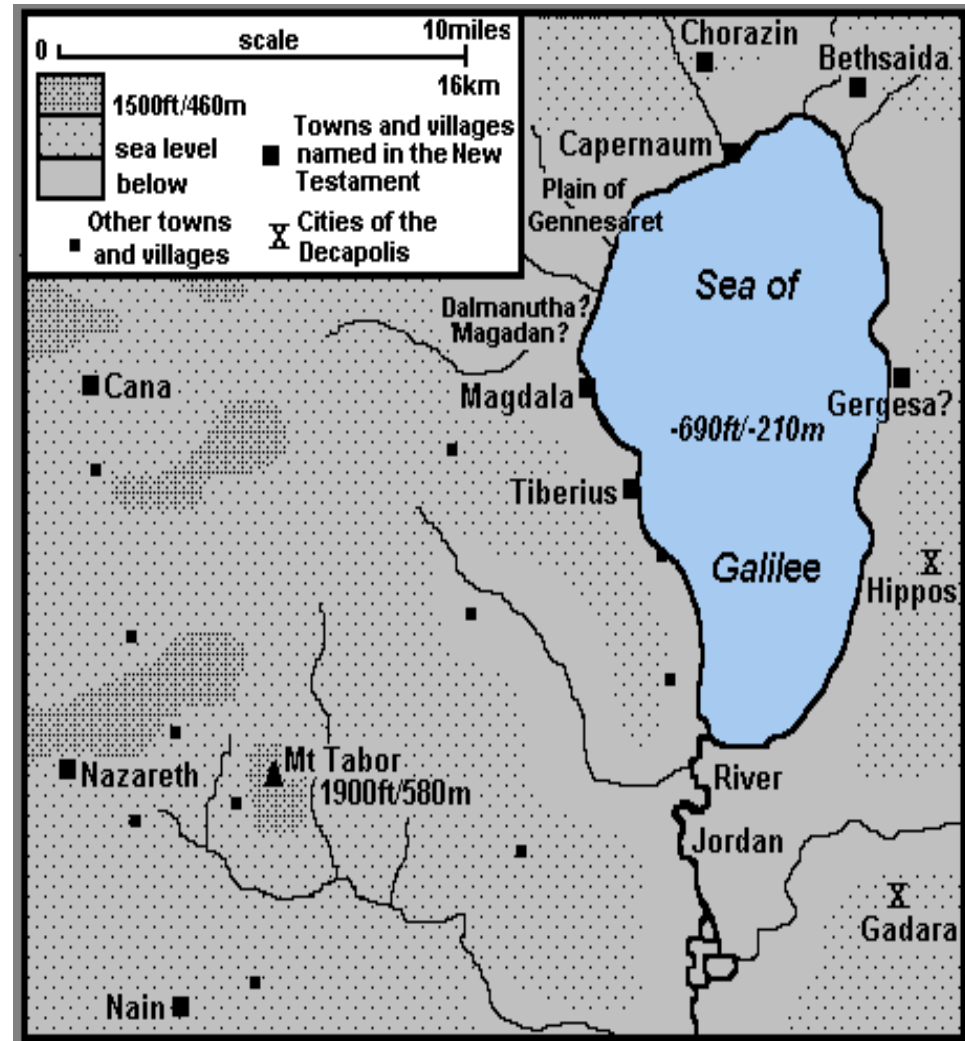
John 1:43-51

Nathanael Was Led To Jesus By Philip

- An example of bringing another to the Lord.
 - Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 8:1-4; I Cor. 3:6; Prov. 11:30
- His message: “We have found him...”
 - The One Moses and the prophets foretold.
 - The Messiah (cf. v. 41)
 - The evidence of prophecy. (Lk. 24:26-27; 44; Acts 2:16; II Pet. 1:16-19)
 - God’s anointed:
 - **Prophet** → Deut. 18:15ff ----- Acts 3:22-26
 - **Priest** → Ps. 110:4 -----Heb. 7:14-17
 - **King** → II Sam. 7:11-16-----Acts 2:29-31
 - “Come and see”. (cf. Jn. 4:29; Matt. 28:6)

Nathanael Did Not Allow Prejudice To Prevent Him From Hearing The Truth

- “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth”?
- He was willing to investigate. (1:47-49)
- Many allow pre-conceived ideas to blind them to the truth. (Matt. 13:13-17)
- The good and honest heart receives the truth. (Lk. 8:11, 15; Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 5:21; Jn. 1:49)



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- **Some people Jesus complimented:**

- Mary → chose the good part. (Lk. 10:42)
- John → among those born of women, not a greater. (Matt. 11:11)
- Poor Widow → this poor widow has given more than the rest... (Mk. 12:41-44)
- Roman Centurion (Matt. 8:5-10); Canaanite Woman (Matt. 15:22-28) → Great faith.
- Nathanael → No deceit. (Jn. 1:47) and as a result, he accepts the truth. (1:49)

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- Deceit can take various forms:
 - Lying.
 - Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. (Eph. 4:25)
 - Insincere flattery.
 - ...with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, (Ps. 12:2-3)
 - Two-faced speech.
 - Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts. (Ps. 28:3)
 - Non-verbal deception.
 - A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, (Prov. 6:13)

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- The truth about lying.
 - The Devil was the first liar. (Gen. 3:4; Jn. 8:44b; II Cor. 11:13-15)
 - God hates lying. (Prov. 6:16-19)
 - Impenitent liars will be lost. (Rev. 21:8)