

## HUMAN Living Ministry



*Weekly Theme Blog*

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### **A Friend Shared Jesus**

In April our HUMAN of the Bible Reflection was Philip, A Disciple of Jesus. We learned at that time about his friend – Nathanael. When Jesus found Philip and became one of

His disciples – the first thing he did was go to his friend. Nathanael learned about Jesus from his friend, Philip. Not only did his friend, Philip, share Jesus with him – but he took him to meet Jesus face to face.

### **John 1:43-51** NIV

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*44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.*

*45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”*

What a wonderful testimony for our HUMAN of the Bible. Philip, his friend, cared enough for Nathanael to run straight to him after meeting Jesus himself. When Philip saw Nathanael – he immediately shared the exciting, good news of Jesus with his friend!

This is what HUMAN Living Ministry is all about – this is what I am about – sharing Jesus with you, my friend!

### **John 3:16** KJV

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Dear Reader, Jesus loves you so much. He wants to be your Savior and Lord – your very best friend. I want to share Him with you here. The following Scriptures provide you with reference to what He did to show you His love for you:

**The Story of Jesus**

**Luke 1:26-35- Mary**

**Matthew 1:18-25- Joseph**

**Luke 2:8-14 – Shepherds**

**Matthew 2:7-12 – Wise Men**

**John 1:1, 14 – The Word**

**Hebrews 4:15 – Jesus as God and human**

**Luke 2:52 – Jesus grew**

**Luke 3:23 – Jesus began His early ministry**

**Matthew 27:1-28:20 – Jesus’s Death & Resurrection**

**John 3:16 – For God so loved**

**Ephesians 3:19 – Know His love**

Should you want prayer to repent and receive Jesus as your personal Savior – I am glad to pray with you. Please visit my Prayer Request page and submit a completed prayer request form for salvation or any other reason. I will pray with you.

I can be reached for question or comments at [thumanburgin@gmail.com](mailto:thumanburgin@gmail.com), as well. The most important page is my Invitation and Prayer page if you want to know more about receiving Jesus as your personal Savior. I invite you to stop by.

My prayer is that HUMAN Living Ministry and I are viewed as a friend sharing Jesus and the Good News of His life and love to a lost and dying world. This is the greatest moment of your life. Will you choose to pray and with a repentant heart-ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior – surrendering everything about you and your world to Him?

If you already have, will you make a commitment to Him for a deeper understanding and stronger relationship with Him? Oh, my friend – my prayer is that you make this choice with our amazing God. He is here waiting for your invitation. I assure you, He will make all things new and you will never be the same.

**II Corinthians 5:17 KJV**

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become.*

***A friend shared Jesus*** ...I pray this is the description of you and me, dear Reader. May we be known for sharing the Good News of Jesus with all we encounter. Dear Reader, be confident of this - I am here at HUMAN Living Ministry praying for you every day. Stop by anytime. I am so glad you do.

Remember ...Jesus loves you so!

9.14.25

## Nothing Good Can Come From There

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*46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.*

*"Come and see," said Philip.*

As we read today's Scripture reference, we see our HUMAN of the Bible Reflection has been told about Jesus. Philip, another disciple of Jesus, and a friend of Nathanael's, shares Jesus with him and all he knew up to this point.

Nathanael had an unexpected response to his friend, Philip, regarding where Jesus was from- "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" He had a presupposition of Nazareth. Jews during this time had a low opinion of this area.

Matthew 2:23 states, *"He went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene."* In my research, I learned that some scholars believe Matthew's recordings summarize the words of some prophets.

Additionally, "Nazarene" would have a connection to the word Hebrew word nester or "Branch". Hebrew words have consonants only. The Hebrew of Branch is NZR which would have also been the Hebrew spelling of netser or Nazarene. "Branch is Messiah as referenced in Isaiah 11:1. 1

With this established we understand that Jesus came from Nazareth. Additionally, many looked down on Nazareth as well as those who came from Nazareth.

*“Can anything good come from there?”* Isn't this a common sentiment even today? Have you or yours been looked down upon for something such as your zip code?

If you are in these circumstances of being looked down upon for a particular aspect of your life - I am here to encourage you to keep your eyes on JESUS, friend. Jesus proved something good can - something did - come from Nazareth!

Do not be discouraged. Do not be defeated. Do not be disappointed. Do not be defined by this moment. Let God arise in you and I assure you, your enemies will be scattered. God will make a way for you as you seek Him, trust Him, and give Him all the glory. He will handle your enemies - they will watch as He raises you up by His hand and you have a testimony to share.

If you want prayer for a matter such as this or to repent and receive Jesus as your personal Savior - I am glad to pray with you. Please visit my [Prayer Request page](#) and submit a completed prayer request form for salvation or any other reason. I will pray with you.

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Friend, may I ask - has it been you who was living with a superior attitude toward someone else for your perspective of their world? I encourage you not to continue in this way. Jesus loves you and wants to use you more than you can imagine.

Humbling yourself before Him, repenting and even apologizing as needed is where you can begin. God will make a way for you to take you higher than living from a fleshly viewpoint.

Oh, how Jesus longs to unite and use each one of us for His Kingdom's sake. I pray we allow Him to do so. Again, I am glad to pray with you for peace, salvation, or encouragement. Wherever you find yourself on your journey, Jesus wants to meet you if you will welcome Him. My prayer is that you do, dear Reader.

Watch and see ...*something good can come from there!*

I offer you this assurance today – Jesus loves you so!