

* Prayers Anchored in the
Gospel of John
John 1:38-52

Sunday Day 21

*Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily
the call of our
Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all
people the Good News
of his salvation, that we and the whole
world may perceive
the glory of his marvelous works; who lives
and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. *Amen. Online Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

***The Collect**
Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 1:38-52 NIV

³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

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.”

 **Scripture**

John 1:29-37 NIV

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

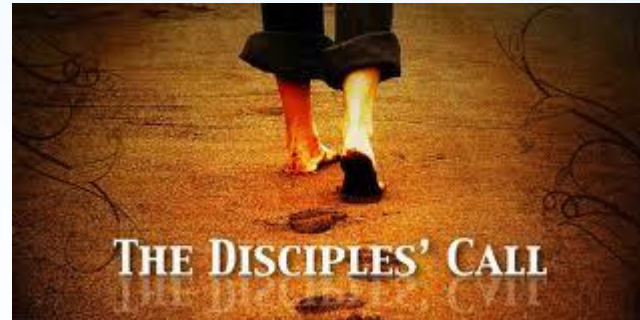
Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

 **Scripture**

*Today is a day to simply introduce yourself to the text for the week. Read it over slowly several times in a leisurely way and reverential manner. This is a day of rest so don't work at this reading. Just drink it in and let the powerful word of God begin its work in you this week. Think of the excitement of meeting, Jesus, the living Word, in this passage this week.



*Meditation

In this passage we have various ways that disciples have encountered Jesus and decided to follow Him. Some (as in vs 36 and 37) simply follow Christ when they encounter Him. Others come as a result of a friend's invitation. Other are called by Christ and others are involved in a longer dialogue where Jesus interacts with their questions and doubts. Notice the differences in the call to discipleship in this passage and come reverently to Jesus as one of His disciples.

 **Meditation**

Bless every true disciple of Jesus with your interaction and instruction. It is such a privilege to be a true disciple of Jesus. Enjoy being identified with Jesus this week.

 **Blessing**