

John 1 — Come and See

John 1 (esp. vv. 35–51) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

John 1 is full of seeing. Jesus turns to His first followers and says, “Come and see” (v.39). Philip finds Nathanael and, instead of arguing him into faith, simply says, “Come and see” (v.46). And Jesus tells Nathanael, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you” (v.48) — He had already seen the man who had not yet seen Him. The whole chapter is an invitation to look: to behold the Word made flesh, the Lamb of God, the Son of God. It is the same invitation this series is built on — don’t take someone else’s word for it. Come and see for yourself.

GO DEEPER — STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **John 1:35–51** and mark every time someone “sees,” “looks,” or is “seen.” Notice who sees first — Jesus saw Nathanael before Nathanael saw Him (**v.48**). Then look at what Philip says when he can’t answer Nathanael’s objection, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” He doesn’t argue — he says “Come and see.” Try that this week with someone.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in John: 1:14 (*we have seen his glory*) · 1:29 (*behold, the Lamb of God*) · 1:39, 46 (*come and see*) · 1:48 (*I saw you*) · 9:25 (*I was blind, now I see*) · 20:29 (*blessed are those who have not seen*)

Other Gospels: Matthew 4:18–22 (*the parallel call of the first disciples*)

Rest of Scripture: Psalm 34:8 (*taste and see that the LORD is good*) · 1 John 1:1–3 (*what we have seen and heard, we proclaim*)

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

“Come and See More of Me”: Jesus’s Daily Invitation to Delight

Brian Tabb — Desiring God (article)

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/come-and-see-more-of-me>

On the “come and see” invitation of John 1 as an ongoing call to behold Christ’s glory.

Under His Gaze

Ligonier — devotional

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/under-his-gaze>

On Jesus seeing Nathanael “under the fig tree” before Nathanael ever saw Him.