



Gospel of John

12-11-22

1a In the Beginning – Love from Eternal Past

1b Come & See

2-3 Everyone Who Believes

4 But Whoever Drinks

5 Pick Up Your Mat

6 I Am Bread

7 He Sent Me

8 I Am the Light

9 You Have Seen Me

10 I Know My Own

11 I Am the Resurrection



Bartholomew, c. 1611
by Peter Paul Rubens

1:45-46 Philip told Nathanael,
“We have found the one
Moses wrote about in the
Law, & the prophets wrote:
Jesus of Nazareth,
the son of Joseph.”

“Nazareth!” replied Nathanael,
“Can anything good
come from there?”

Philip said,

“Come & See!”

John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)

Love Calls Forth Disciples

You might remember this old photo

In the late 1800s to
early 1900s ...

Tradition was ... on

December 31st ...

Wife would **KNEEL** in
front of her husband

Apologize for all
she got wrong
during the year





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Remember ... how Apostle John wrote this

- “Beloved Disciple” ... perhaps youngest when witnessing ... walking with Jesus
- John wrote this in c. A.D. 80 ... which is some 45 years after the events
- He is a very **Senior John**, likely the last
- Some 20-30 years **after** Matt, Mark, Luke
- Gospel of John has John’s **mature** reflections after a **LIFE** of service

New International Study Bible's **LIST** of Jesus' Miracles

Notice John's 7 Signs/Miracles

Healing	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Man with leprosy	8:2-4	1:40-42	5:12-13	
Roman centurion's servant	8:5-13		7:1-10	
Peter's mother-in-law	8:14-15	1:30-31	4:38-39	
Two men from Gadara	8:28-34	5:1-15	8:27-35	
Paralyzed man	9:2-7	2:3-12	5:18-25	
Woman with bleeding	9:20-22	5:25-29	8:43-48	
Two blind men	9:27-31			
Man mute and possessed	9:32-33			
Man with a shriveled hand	12:10-13	3:1-5	6:6-10	
Man blind, mute and possessed	12:22		11:14	
Canaanite woman's daughter	15:21-28	7:24-30		
Boy with a demon	17:14-18	9:17-29	9:38-43	
Two blind men (one named)	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
Deaf mute		7:31-37		
Man possessed, synagogue		1:23-26	4:33-35	
Blind man at Bethsaida		8:22-26		
Crippled woman			13:11-13	
Man with dropsy			14:1-4	
Ten men with leprosy			17:11-19	
The high priest's servant			22:50-51	
Official's son at Capernaum				4:46-54
Sick man, pool of Bethesda				5:1-9

Command over the forces of nature	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Calming the storm	8:23-27	4:37-41	8:22-25	
Walking on the water	14:25	6:48-51		6:19-21
5,000 people fed	14:15-21	6:35-44	9:12-17	6:5-13
4,000 people fed	15:32-38	8:1-9		
Coin in the fish's mouth	17:24-27			
Fig tree withered	21:18-22	11:12-14, 20-25		
Catch of fish			5:4-11	
Water turned into wine				2:1-11
Another catch of fish				21:1-11
Bringing the dead back to life				
Jairus's daughter	9:18-19, 23-25	5:22-24, 38-42	8:41-42, 49-56	
Widow's son at Nain			7:11-15	
Lazarus				11:1-44

John 1:1-18 – In the Beginning **WORD** ... was God
in Him was life ... life was **LIGHT** of Humankind.

John the Baptist bore Witness to that Light



John 1:19-50 ... Four Days that Woke the World

19-28 – Day, John the Baptist, Not Messiah, Elijah, or Prophet

29-34 – Next Day, Jesus Comes, Dove Descends

35-42 – Next Day, two disciples, Andrew calls Simon
Jesus renames Simon to Peter, the Rock

43-51 – Next Day, Jesus finds Philip, Philips finds Nathanael



Two Men STAND Out:



John the Baptist & Nathanael

John the Baptist by Titian (1488–1576)

**Titian considered one of most important
of 16th-century Venetian school**

We see their virtue

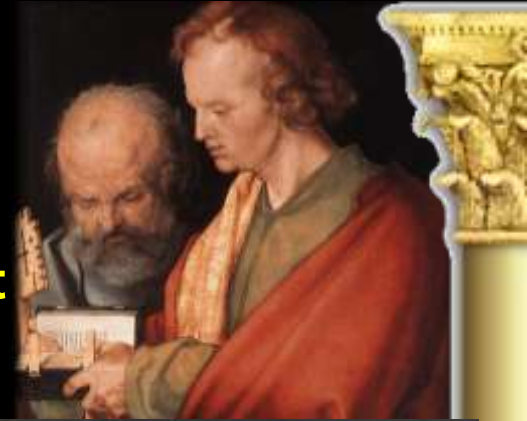
Their Character ...

Their LIGHT Shine

**like FEW others in the
New Testament**

HONEST & STRAIGHT

Good & Sincere



**Bartholomew or Nathanael?
by Rubens, c. 1611**

C.H. Spurgeon noted the Janus-faced man

Are not many looking one way ... rowing another

Do you not know Mr. Facing-both-ways?

Who looks this way and the other way too?

He runs with the hounds when there is

ANYTHING good to be hunted;

but he is off with the hare when surprised ...

Such men are common as blackberries,

and base as dirt....



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C.H. Spurgeon continues, **Let your life be laid like a GUN
sighted for the center of the target, and then
let it be fired at once, that the bullet may go
straight to its place, driven on by all the
powder of your energy.**

**God give us to be like thunderbolts hurled from
His own hand against all falsehood & sham
Never caring what the consequences may be,
us be resolved that if the heavens fall
we will follow Truth and Justice
and Righteousness**



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Ballad of the Green Berets by SSgt Barry Sadler

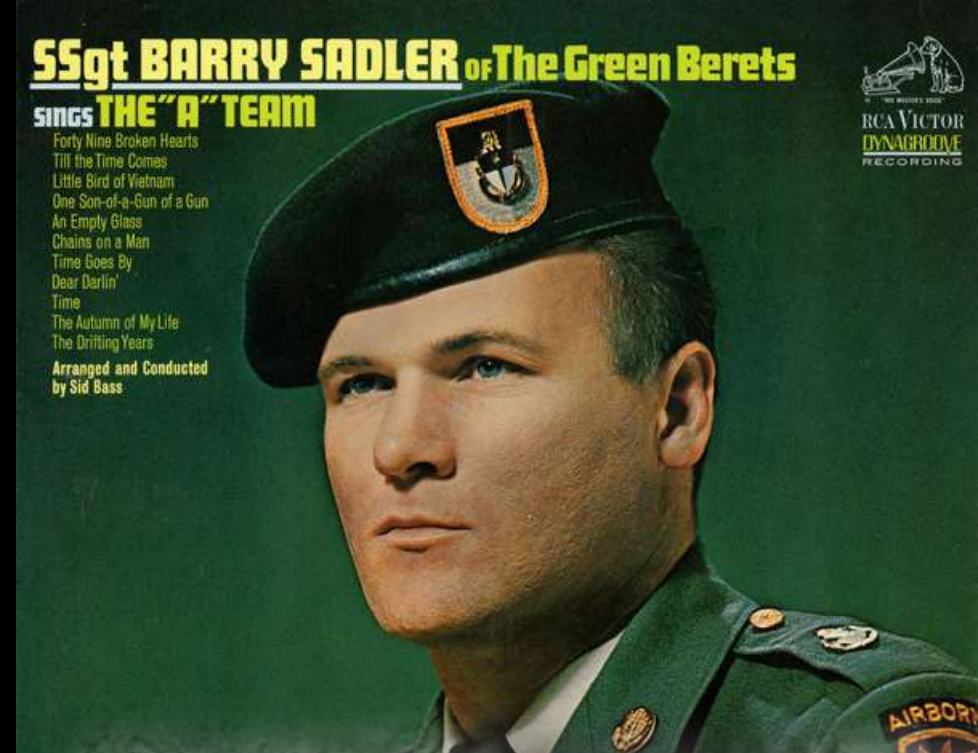
Sadler was a Special Forces Medic
in Vietnam with the first deployment

May 1965, a punji spike daubed in
human feces gashed his leg

While recovering, he wrote the song

With Army approval, Sadler recorded
and released it in January 1966

Hit #1 on U.S. singles chart...
soon ... it sold a million



Green Beret **MOTTO**
De Oppresso Liber
To Free the Oppressed



Fighting soldiers from the sky
Fearless men who jump and die
Men who mean just what they say
The brave men of the Green Beret
Silver wings upon their chest
These are men, America's **BEST**



Matthew: gives Jesus' lineage, birth, Magi, Egypt –
John the Baptist – **Voice in the Wilderness**
Jesus in Galilee, "Repent, Kingdom is NEAR"

THEN Jesus calls Peter & Andrew while **FISHING**

Mark: John the Baptist – **Voice in the Wilderness**
Jesus 40 days Tempted by Devil, Baptist in prison, "Kingdom NEAR"

THEN Jesus calls Peter & Andrew while **FISHING**

Luke: Birth of John the Baptist, Elizabeth, Mary, Zechariah
Birth of Jesus, Jesus in Temple ... then
John the Baptist – **Voice in the Wilderness** ... then lineage
Jesus is tempted by Devil, rejected in Nazareth ... heals MANY

THEN Jesus tells Simon to **CAST NET OUT AGAIN**

John chap 1: the Word ... Baptist – **Voice in the Wilderness**
Jesus calls **Andrew who calls Peter** ... Philip calls Nathanael



**Lots of
TIME**

“Nathanael” is NOT in Matthew, Mark, Luke
Bartholomew mentioned with Philip in Matthew in
Greek w conjunction “and” – *many say Nathanael*



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then PHILIP finds Nathanael



**IS Nathanael
Bartholomew?
Was he Philip's
ONLY Friend?
MAYBE Nathanael
was just a
GOOD MAN
Not 1 of the 12**

John 1:19-23 ... *John the Baptist TESTIFIES*

19 Now this was John's testimony when Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests & Levites to ask him who he was.

20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely,

“I am not the Messiah.”

21-22 They asked him, “Elijah? ... Prophet? ... Who?”

23 John, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’

All FOUR Gospels remember THIS ... quite stunning



24-25 Pharisees “Why do you baptize if you are not the Messiah ... Elijah ... Prophet?”

26 “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands

one you do NOT know.

27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

28 This all happened at **Bethany on the other side of the Jordan**, where John was baptizing.

Religious elite get **SCHOOLED** ... by a **WILDERNESS MAN**
John the Baptist **CAPTIVATES** ... Elite **ASK HIM** ... *The Man*





One hundred men will **TEST** today
But only three win the Green Beret
Trained to live off nature's land
Trained in combat, hand-to-hand
Men who fight by night and day
Courage take from the Green Berets



Bethany BEYOND the Jordan?

NOT this Bethany

On road to Jericho

- Simon the leper
- Mary, Martha, Lazarus
- **Called the Judean HOME of Jesus**
- Raised Lazarus
- Feast @ Simon's house
- The Ascension



Perhaps Bethany beyond Jordan **is North & East of Jericho**

John 1:19-50 ... *John the Baptist SEES Jesus*

29 The NEXT (2) day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

30-31 This is the one I meant ... reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel.”

NOTICE John the Baptist SAW ... SAW Jesus coming

Then ... hear what John said: “Look, the Lamb of God”

NOTICE “Lamb of God” not a weak but STRONG metaphor



**32 Then John said, “I saw the Spirit
come down from heaven as a DOVE
and remain on him.**

Notice NO Baptism ... Mark 1:10-11 says

**10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the
water, he saw heaven being torn open
and the Spirit descending on him
like a dove.**

**11 Voice from heaven: “You are my Son,
whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

Matthew 3:16-17 repeats Mark’s words

**John doesn’t see
Heaven Open Up
or
Hear God**



**32 Then John said, “I saw the Spirit
come down from heaven as a DOVE
and remain on him.**

ONLY John notices “REMAIN”

**John uses this word 40 more times
and 27 more times in his other letters**

**Among the various meanings ... is that
UPON a Believer – the Spirit will REMAIN**

**Spirit REMAINS on Jesus until John 19:30
After he drank, Jesus said, “It is finished.”
Jesus bowed his head gave up His Spirit.**



After the Dove, Baptist John tells HOW he *knew*

33 I myself did not know him,
but the ONE who sent me to baptize told me,

‘The man on whom you see the Spirit
come down & REMAIN is the ONE
who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

34 I have seen & I testify that this is
God’s Chosen One.

Remarkable ... WHO sent John the Baptist?

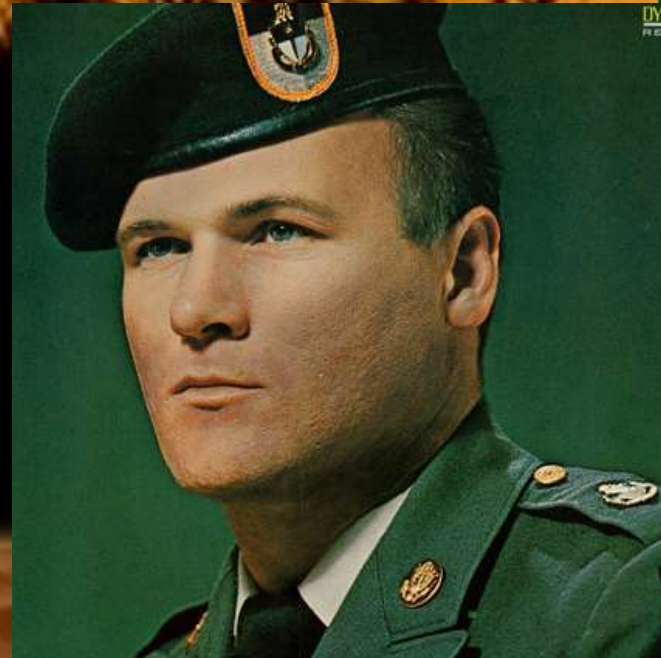
Isaiah 11:9, “Spirit of the Lord will REST on Him.”

John Chapter 1 ... *so much missing*





Back at home, a young wife waits
Her Green Beret has met his fate
He has **DIED** for those **OPPRESSED**
Leaving her his last request



35-36 Next day (3) John was there again with **TWO** of his disciples. When he saw Jesus ... said,
“Look, the Lamb of God!”



37 When **TWO** disciples heard ... followed Jesus

38 Jesus turned, asked what they want ...

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

39 Jesus says “Come” ... stay the day (4 pm)

We are soon told that **ONE** was Andrew ...

Many believe 2nd disciple to be Apostle John



Andrew, c. 1611
by Peter Paul Rubens

**40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was
ONE of the TWO who heard what John said**

**41-42 Andrew finds Simon ...
tells we found "the Messiah"**

**Jesus looked at Simon, "You will be
called Cephas, Peter"**

**Peter, the ROCK ... *Peter Not Fishing*
Catholics believe Peter the First Pope
Famously BOLD Disciple**



**Saint Peter, c. 1611
by Peter Paul Rubens**



**Saint Peter, c. 1611 by Peter Paul Rubens
vested in the pallium w Keys of Heaven
that is, dressed as the Pope**

Keys of Heaven

**Part of Rubens' Twelve Apostles
series, c. 1610-1611**

- **Rubens 1577-1640 born in
Germany ... Died Antwerp**
- **Art known for dynamism, vitality**
- **presided over the most
famous studio in Europe**



43 Next day (4) Jesus decided to leave for Galilee.

NEXT ... very extraordinary: Jesus *finds* Philip ...

Philip *finds* Nathanael ... both from Bethsaida

Bethsaida means “House of Fish”

NOT certain where
Bethsaida is either



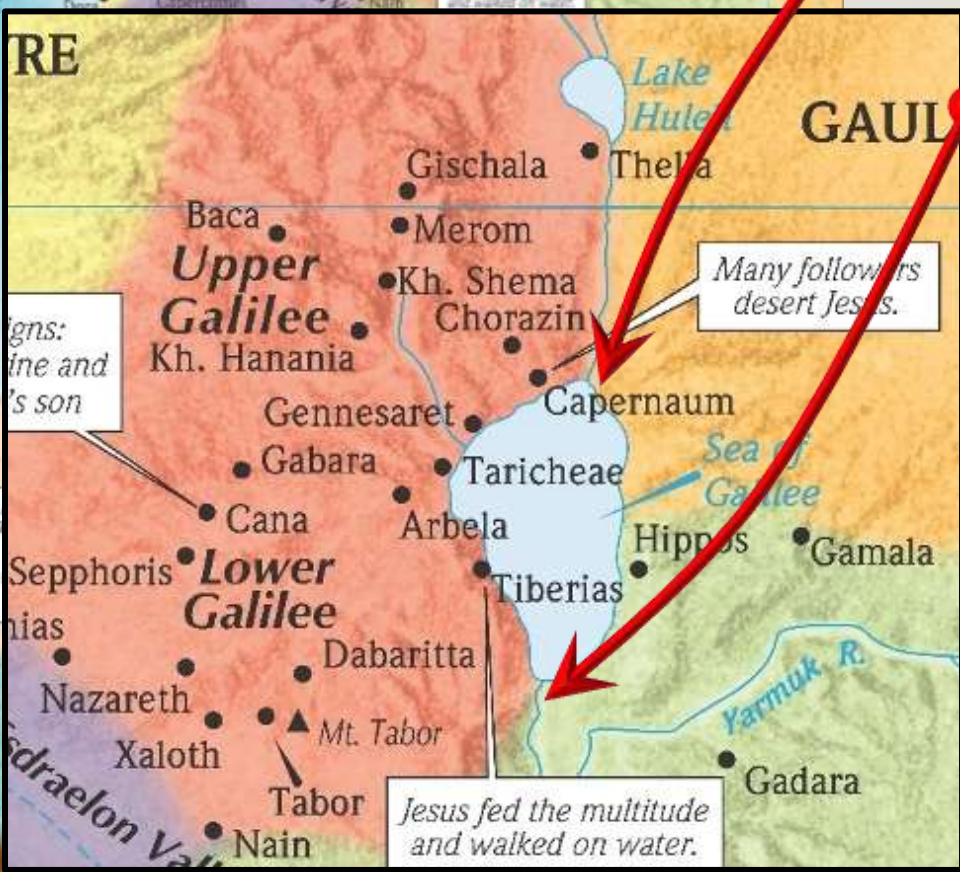
Bartholomew, c. 1611
by Peter Paul Rubens



Philip, c. 1611
by Peter Paul Rubens



Bethsaida
Possibly NE
Sea of Galilee



Few on see
it south at
the mouth
where sea
enters the
Jordan River

No Archeological
evidence yet for
Bethsaida



Bartholomew
or Nathanael?



Philip

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



46 Nathanael says, “Nazareth!
Can anything good come from there?”

Philip said, “Come and See!”

What did Philip know of Nathanael?

Philip **KNEW** Nathanael loved Israel, read prophets

KNEW Nathanael cared about Messiah – **BELIEVED**



Bartholomew
or Nathanael?

**47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, he said,
Jesus said some the most extraordinary words
Jesus said of Nathanael what Jesus said of**

NO OTHER IN THE BIBLE

we can BELIEVE Jesus ... and these words

We should PREPARE ourselves for these words ..

**See Nathanael only here & when he witnessed
resurrected Christ by the sea in John 21:2:**

Nathanael from Cana in Galilee

**Is Nathanael the Bartholomew of Matt, Mark, & Luke?
Hard for me to see John NOT knowing the 12 BETTER**



Nathanael means “**God has given**”

There is NO other like Nathanael in the N.T.

Bartholomew means “**son of Tolmai**”

he is *only* in Matt 10:3, Mark 3:18, Luke 6:14, Acts 1:13

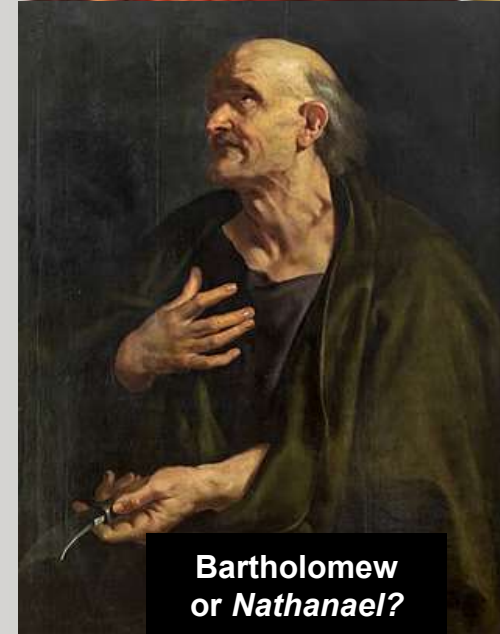
Is Nathanael *Bartholomew* of Matt, Mark, Luke?

Few reasons FOR such ... is that

- Philip & Bartholomew appear together
- Philip & Nathanael appear together in John
- Nathanael appears with FEW of 12 in John 21

Jesus SAW ...

WHAT does Jesus **SEE** in You & Me?





Leaving her his last request

Put silver wings on my son's chest

Make him one of America's **BEST**

He'll be a man they'll **TEST ONE DAY**

Have him win the Green Beret



NO OTHER called this by Jesus ...

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, he said,

Here truly is an Israelite in whom
there is NO deceit, or guile

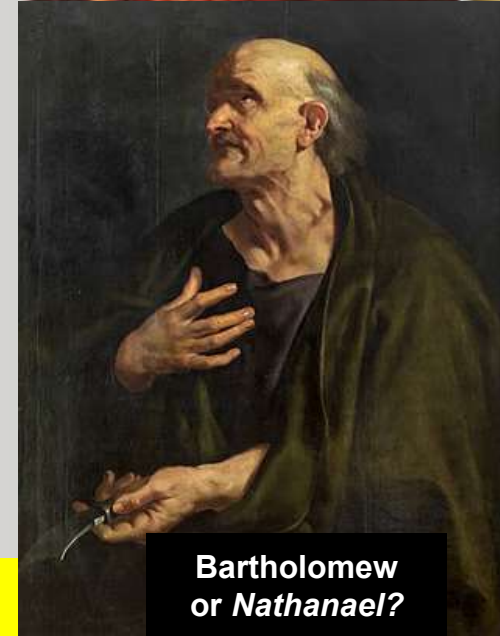
48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

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

While NOT viewed a miracle, it was for Nathanael

JESUS said he was “*truly*” a man of “**NO guile**”

Philip & others saw too ... Good men respect Nathanael



Bartholomew
or Nathanael?

C.H. Spurgeon noted on this verse

**I shall dwell, principally, upon the fact
that Nathanael was a man with NO GUILE ...**

**Lord Jesus Christ made that discovery, and
who so fit to spy out a man in whom was**

No Guile

Than the Christ in whom there is no guile?

Two guileless men were that day TOGETHER,

In Jesus there is neither GUILT nor GUILE.

In us there is guilt ... *Spurgeon elaborated*



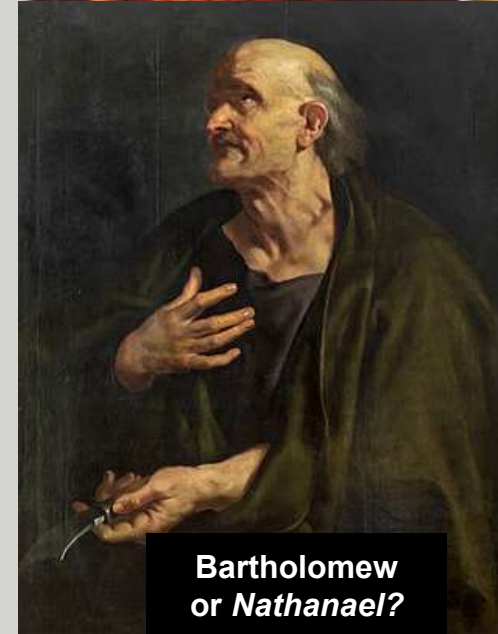
Nathanael then SEES ... and **BELIEVES**

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 Jesus added, “Very truly I tell you,
you will see heaven open, and the
angels of God ascending and
descending on the Son of Man.”

Are ANY words MORE extraordinary said of ANYONE else?



So then ... I ask you ...

When Jesus sees YOU coming ...

What will Jesus see in YOU ... in me

When they look at Woodville's FBC

**Here truly is an American in whom
there is NO deceit, or guile**

What will Jesus say ... *soldier of Christ?*

What **COULD** your neighbor say ... *perhaps*

**Silver wings upon their chest
These are men, America's **BEST****

