

Title: Can Anything Good Come Out Of Nazareth
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Scripture: **John 1:43-51**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Commentary from Facilitator Maggie Gough:

As per our discussion last week, I retrieved these expert interviews for our discussion. In the reading this week I am struck by the comment, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" In light of last week's events, and growing American extremism, where can we find the good?

In the News:

Here are two videos (hosted on Instagram that you can still watch even if you don't have an account) where Jessica Yellin, former White House Correspondent, interviews Erroll Southers, an expert on domestic extremism.

The first video is 47 min long so be sure to give yourself time to watch it.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CHgwByWH0xF/>

The second video is Erroll Southers response to Jan 6th. It is a 15 minute video.

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