



*Jesus Shows God's  
True Glory*

**January 19, 2025**

## **An Explanation of Our Communion Practice**

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, which is a wonderful gift from our gracious God. In his Word, God teaches that Christians need a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper before receiving it (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). He also tells us that Christians should be completely united before communing together (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we ask that only members of our fellowship (The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and, worldwide, The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference) commune at Trinity.

We do want everyone to commune with us. So that everything may be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40), we ask for the opportunity to verify that we are united in our beliefs based on God's Word, and then to celebrate that unity publicly in the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more, please speak to Pastor. Thank you for your understanding of our belief and practice.





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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service, we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** Jesus reveals the nature of God's glory as he shows himself to be God's own Son. Our worship follows *Service of Word and Sacrament*.

# WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 82, Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and  
4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the  
5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star  
King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,  
faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,  
heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;  
ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al  
In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in  
Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in  
All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the  
Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.  
pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.  
gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.  
trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.  
you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.  
Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

## INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD OF MERCY

### *KYRIE*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

**C: Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are aligned with the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to two flats (Bb and Eb) in the final staff.

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you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory; that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

*Be Seated*

## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

#### Isaiah 62:1-5

*Sin brings destruction and desolation to God's people. When Jesus, the Lord of all, shines with his saving love, doom and gloom is changed to joy and gladness.*

For the sake of Zion I will not be silent.  
 For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet,  
 until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly,  
 and her salvation burns like a torch.  
<sup>2</sup> Nations will see your righteousness,  
 and all kings will see your glory.  
 You will be called by a new name  
 that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you.  
<sup>3</sup> Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand,  
 and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.  
<sup>4</sup> You will never again be called Abandoned,  
 and your land will never again be called Desolation,  
 for you will be called My Delight Is in Her,  
 and your land will be called Married,

because the LORD delights in you,  
and your land will be married.  
<sup>5</sup> For just as a young man marries a virgin,  
your sons will marry you,  
and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride,  
your God will rejoice over you.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: 133 AND 134**

*READ RESPONSIVELY*

M: How good and pleasant it is

**C: when brothers live together in unity!**

M: For there the LORD bestows his blessing,

**C: even life forevermore.**

M: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD

**C: who minister in the house of the LORD.**

M: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary

**C: and praise the LORD.**

M: May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,

**C: bless you from Zion.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

*The Epiphany of Christ's glory as the Son of God is revealed again and again by the Spirit to strengthen faith in God's amazing, saving love.*

For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, <sup>19</sup>and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.



## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! He said to me, "You are my servant, in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia!  
(Isaiah 49:3)

*Stand*

## GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

### **John 2:1-11**

M: The Gospel of St. John, chapter 2.

### **C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there.<sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

<sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.<sup>7</sup> Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.<sup>8</sup> Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did.

<sup>9</sup>When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom<sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!"

<sup>11</sup>This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

### **C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON: That's a Whole Lot of Loving Power

HYMN OF THE DAY: 79, How Lovely Shines the Morning Star



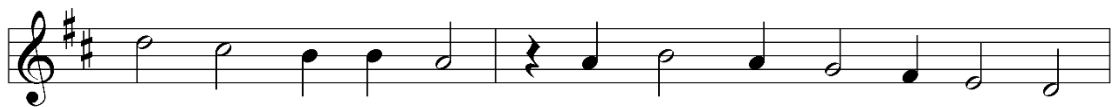
1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and  
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and  
 3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you  
 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning  
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



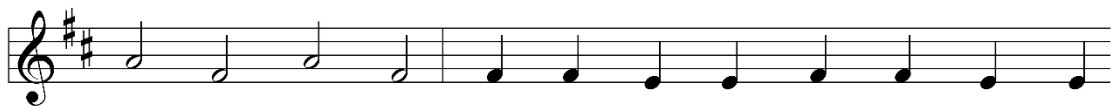
hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.  
 Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!  
 had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.  
 with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!  
 mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride-groom  
 In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the  
 Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in  
 And you at length— O glo - rious grace— Will take me  
 Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.  
 branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.  
 spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.  
 to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.  
 mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious  
 Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor  
 What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing  
 A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!  
 Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.  
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.  
 Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.  
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.  
 Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

## **SERMON**

**Text:** John 2:1-11

**Theme:** Jesus Shows God's True Glory

*Stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up our hearts with thanksgiving and praise. Through the blood of your covenant, you have made us worthy to receive your Holy Supper. You join us with believers throughout the world and throughout the ages by your body given for us. In this sacrament time and eternity meet and we celebrate a foretaste of the feast now enjoyed by all who are in heavenly glory. As we receive your true body and blood, we rejoice in our salvation through you, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Special prayers*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this (+) is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this (+) is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, diatonic style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

*Be Seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

## Hymn: 387, Drawn to the Cross



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing  
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my  
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.  
Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

*Stand*

## THANK THE LORD



**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

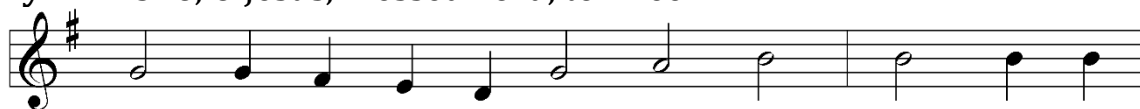
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

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## Closing Hymn: 316, O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in



be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.  
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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### **Wine and Word Bible Study – February 6**

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### **Valentine's Breakfast – Sunday, February 9 between Services**

Trinity's Second Annual Valentine's Breakfast will be held between services on Sunday, February 9. (There will be no Bible class that Sunday, and Sunday School will be abbreviated.) There are many ways you can help: we'll need cooks (ideal for late service attendees), floaters (during the breakfast itself), and clean-up folks (ideal for early service attendees.) There is also plenty of food that can be donated. To sign up to work and/or donate food, please see the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please speak to Sandee Clay or to pastor.

This breakfast would be a great chance to invite a friend or neighbor to worship at Trinity. In addition to getting to enjoy good food and good people, it's also a non-Communion Sunday, so you could ask your guest to join you for worship without the potential awkwardness of having to explain our Close Communion practice. (We don't apologize for our practice but do recognize that it may create some tension with friends who do not understand the reasons for it.) So, if you've been thinking of asking someone you know to join us, why not target this special Sunday?

Our thanks to Sandee for spearheading the breakfast again this year!

**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

### **Small Choir**

Trinity's choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

### **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Steve Baker. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

### **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## **Come and see!**

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20240119/>

Read: John 1:43-51

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.” “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

John 1:45-46

Addie was so excited. She worked so hard on her art project. She spent hours painting a picture of a sunset. Bright reds and oranges flared out from a golden sun descending beneath a darkening blue sky. You could even see the first twinkly stars appearing faintly in the heavens. It was a beautiful picture... and Addie wanted everyone to see it! “Come and see!” Addie practically dragged her parents by the hand to see her masterpiece. “Come and see!”

Philip couldn’t believe his ears. Jesus of Nazareth had just invited Philip to follow him as one of his disciples, but it wasn’t that opportunity that got Philip excited. It was learning that Jesus was more than just a really cool teacher. Philip discovered that Jesus was the long-promised Messiah, the Savior promised to save Philip and everyone else from sin and death. That day changed Philip’s life forever... and he just had to tell somebody!

So Philip found his friend Nathanael. Philip was so excited to tell Nathanael about Jesus. “He’s the one long promised! He’s the one that Moses and all of God’s prophets wrote about way back in the Old Testament. Jesus of Nazareth!” Nathanael stood there. He wasn’t excited. “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” he asked. The thought of Nazareth seemed boring. How can someone exciting come from such a boring place? Nathanael wasn’t so sure, but Philip was convinced. “Come and see!” he told Nathanael. Practically dragging him by the hand, Philip brought Nathanael to Jesus. For the first time, Nathanael met Jesus and believed in him as his Savior too.

“Come and see!” is a call that encourages you to be a friend to someone. True friends are more than someone you get along with and can giggle or play games with. A true friend is someone who wants to see you in heaven with them someday. Can you be a true friend to someone and share good news that just might change their lives? Telling someone about Jesus might sound scary—what if they ask questions you’re not sure how to answer? Then tell them why Jesus is so important to you. If they are curious, invite them to come with you to church. Say, “Come and see!”

## Questions to Consider

What did Philip do right after he met Jesus?

When Nathanael wasn't so sure, what did Philip tell him?

Why was Nathanael not so sure about Philip's claim about Jesus?

Who is someone you could invite to "come and see" Jesus?

Why is an invitation to "come and see" Jesus sometimes the best approach to responding to someone who objects to the gospel?

How can bringing your loved one to "come and see" Jesus change their lives forever?

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