



246 12 Ordinary Men

Lesson 6— Nathaniel vs. Philip & Thomas

I. Philip & Thomas...DOUBTERS

A. Philip

1. He said that feeding the 5,000+ would be IMPOSSIBLE (**John 6:5-7**)
 - a. this was after seeing many of Jesus' miracles
 - b. he began to look at the world in his own perspective... "How can I do this?"
2. He DOUBTED his God-given abilities...to boldly share Christ (**John 12:20-22**)
 - a. Peter had the opportunity to share Christ, but he "chickened out"
 - b. he was put into that situation by God for a reason...he was fully qualified
 - c. he forgot his god-given abilities... "I can't do this"
3. He couldn't believe Godly things that were BIGGER than himself (**John 14:7-11**)
 - a. since he couldn't understand that Jesus & God were 1, it must not be true

B. Thomas

1. He didn't understand that Jesus had things under CONTROL (**John 11:14-16; 14:1-5**)
 - *Jesus and his disciples were traveling through a dangerous area (John 11)
 - *Thomas didn't realize that Jesus was in control of His own death (John 14)
 - a. Thomas thought that Jesus didn't know what He was doing
 - b. he followed Christ, but didn't understand that Jesus would take care of him
2. He only believed in what he could SEE (**John 20:24-29**)
 - a. he didn't realize that God is far greater than what we can see
 - b. Key Verse: **John 20:29**

II. Nathaniel- Man of FAITH

- A. He was BLAMELESS...he didn't just talk it, but he lived it out (**John 1:47**)
- B. He humbly followed Christ to the end behind the spotlight (would be martyred)

III. Common Areas That We Lack Faith

- A. That the Bible is TRUE, even when it doesn't make sense (God is bigger than me!)
- B. That God ANSWERS PRAYER
- C. That God seeks to give us His BEST
- D. That where God GUIDES, God PROVIDES
- E. That the unrighteous will not PROSPER

Verse for the Week: **John 20:29** Take it Home: **John 14:1-11**