

VISION



Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

John 1

Illusion: seeing something that doesn’t exist.

Delusion: twisted reality, often experienced by a swollen ego.

Hallucination: false reality.

Vision: seeing glory that cannot be seen with the earth-bound eye.

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***“You will see heaven opened,
and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of man.”***

Jesus’ promise to Nathaniel:

“You will see me for who I am.”

“You will see what the earth-bound eye cannot see.”

When Jesus said, ***“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch,”***

Peter was not convinced. But he obeyed.

Peter had not yet seen heaven opened.

When that net came up bursting with an impossible catch Peter finally saw “heaven opened”.

“Get away from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”



We only see Jesus as he actually is, when God opens heaven and we understand what it means that angels are ascending and descending on him.

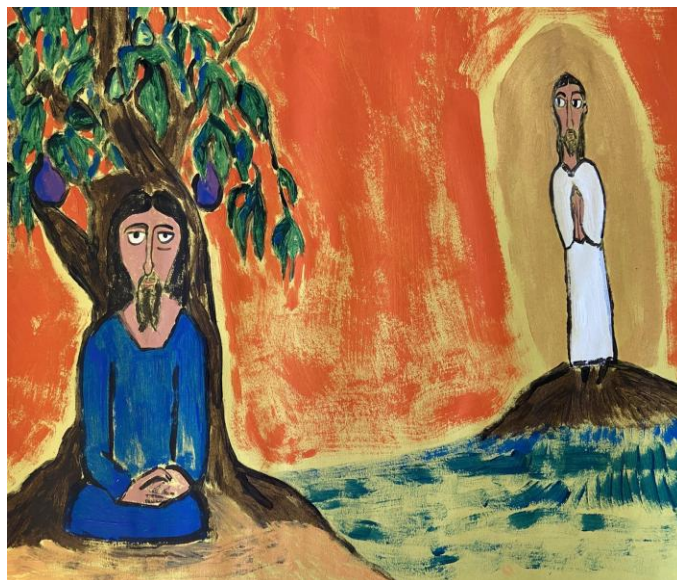
***“Yet a little while and the world will see me no more.
But you will see me. And because I live, you will live also.”***

John 14

“You will see me.”

“You will see me for who I am.”

In a world of illusions, delusions and conspiracy theories, we need to see what Nathaniel saw.



We need to see Jesus as he is.



And take off our shoes in fear and trembling.

Nothing less will prepare us for the days ahead.

The vision Jesus gave to Nathanielhe gives to all who, like Peter, obey him, even before they're convinced.

The vision he gives us is called faith.

Vision comes to those who listen to the Master's words and obey....



.... even before they're convinced.

***"You will see heaven opened,
and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of man."***

Prayer: Yes Lord, we do want vision, we do want to see heaven opened, we do want to see the angels of God ascending and descending on you, we do want to see the glory our earth-bound eyes cannot begin to comprehend. But even now in this world full of illusions, delusions, hallucinations, and conspiracy theories that cloud our vision of you and may even substitute for our vision of you, may we see you for who you really are, the real you. May we behold you, hear you, obey you, love you, and be so awed by you....that heaven opens to us now, filling us with your holy presence, so that we have the vision, the faith, and the power to live the life you call us to... no matter what happens in the world around us. Amen.

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