

In the time of Jesus, there were many who were looking to see the coming of the Messiah. In the first chapter of John, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “**Look, the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>1</sup>” Philip must have been there, for a little later we see that he 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!” Nathanael said. “Can anything **good** come from there?” And Philip spoke these important words, “**Come and see.**”<sup>2</sup> Nathanael went and he ultimately saw Jesus as the Messiah.

Later, when the women went to Jesus’ tomb, they were told similar words by the angel, “He is not here; he has risen... **Come and see** the place where He lay.”<sup>3</sup>

We have come here today to “see” Him. He came from heaven, but He came through Nazareth and again through His tomb. What Good could possibly come from either place? But we know the Supreme Good that He embodied. That body died and was resurrected for our benefit and salvation.

For the contribution:

Our giving may be little, but we must echo the idea that Good can come from unexpected places (us). Remember that God gives the increase!<sup>4</sup>

1. John 1:29-35
2. John 1:45-47
3. Matthew 28:5-6
4. 1 Corinthians 3:6