

“The Lord opened my senses to my unbelief, so that, though late in the day, I might remember my many sins; and accordingly, I might turn to the Lord my God with all my heart.” – St. Patrick

The Great Story: How People Come to Christ  
John 1

John 1:40-49 (HCSB)

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Him. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which means “Anointed One”), and he brought /Simon/ to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, He said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which means “Rock”). The next day He decided to leave for Galilee. Jesus found Philip and told him, “Follow Me!” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth!” “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathanael asked him. “Come and see,” Philip answered. Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said about him, “Here is a true Israelite; no deceit is in him.” “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you,” Jesus answered. “Rabbi,” Nathanael replied, “You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

I. A **Rock** who was **Brought** to Christ - **Peter**

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

II. An **Evangelist** who was **Sought** by Christ - **Phillip**

Luke 19:10 (NCV)

“The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.”



III. A *Skeptic* who was *Caught* by Christ - **Nathanael**



“Tell the boys I’m sorry it was the last part of the ninth that I came to know Christ. I wish it had taken place in the first half of the first.” – Ty Cobb