**Straight Out Of Nazareth**

(John 1:43-46 KJV)

***43****The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.****44****Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.****45****Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.****46****And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.*

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**traight Outta Compton**is a 2015 American [biographical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biographical_film) [drama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drama_film) film about the rise and fall of the Compton hip hop group [N.W.A](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N.W.A).—in which the antonym means (Niggas With Attitude).The film borrows its title from the name of their [1988 debut studio album](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Straight_Outta_Compton). The film was released on August 14, 2015, receiving positive reviews from critics, and was projected that it would accumulate over $59.4 million dollars in revenue.

In this movie Straight Outta Compton it stars [O'Shea Jackson, Jr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O%27Shea_Jackson,_Jr.) as [Ice Cube](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_Cube), [Corey Hawkins](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corey_Hawkins_(actor)) as [Dr. Dre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._Dre), [Jason Mitchell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jason_Mitchell_(actor)) as [Eazy-E](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eazy-E), and Paul Giamatti as N.W.A's manager Heller. The film setting take place in 1987, as these five men , using brutally honest lyrical vocals and hypnotic hardcore beats about life in the most dangerous place in America, "Compton!" It tell of a story of how they stood up to authorities that meant to keep them down—entrenched in the racial tumult of Los Angeles in the mid-1980's, this group of hardcore rappers banded together to revolutionize the global consumption of hip-hop and popular culture as they song their hit song, "Forget The Police!"—as the people supported and chanted, that something indeed good can come out of Compton, California. But I must beg the difference that Compton, California might have had great celebrities—but their celebrities' lacked to give their lives to a dying Savior.

(Matthew 16:26 KJV)

*For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

In the opening of this chapter we witness the testimony of John the Baptist—that Jesus Christ was the Word, the One who had always co-existed with God. And Jesus Christ was the very pinnacle Son of the living God. John did not say that "the Word" was the God (**ho theos**). He says "the Word" was God(**Theos**) which is of the very nature and character of God the Father, but He is not the identical twin person of God the Father. When a man sees Christ, he sees a distinct person*,* but he sees a person who is of the very substance and character of God in all of His perfect being.

In this chapter —here's John crying in the wilderness, witnessing Christ and he did not come quietly but loudly. Here's John who didn't have a fine church with cushion pew, padded carpet and AC, for he was preaching in the wilderness. Here's John who didn't have a scrumptious lobster on his supper table—but slimy locusts picked from the menu of the wilderness. He wasn't wearing chucks and starched down jeans and polo shirt because he wore camel's hair clothes Gucci style. And guess who appears on the scene? That's right it's Jesus! The Lamb of God.

John's announcement is the answer to Isaac's question, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7). The passover lamb in Exodus 12 and the sacrificial lamb in Isaiah 53 point to Christ. There were many lambs slain in Old Testament history, but Christ is the Lamb of God, the unique one. The blood of lambs slain in the tabernacle or temple merely covered sin (Hebrews 10:1-4), but Christ's blood takes away sin. The lambs offered in the Old Testament days were for Israel alone, but Christ died for the sins of the whole world.

As John announced that Jesus was the lamb of God, he instructs his disciples to BEHOLD and follow Jesus. And one of John’s two disciples to follow Jesus was **Andrew** and our passage deliberately points out that the first thing he did was to find **Simon**, his brother. The first person he went tell about Jesus was his brother. Simon would become Peter, a major leader of the early church! Would Simon have been as willing to consider getting to know Jesus without the witness of his brother Andrew?

And there is yet a another follower **Philip** recruited by Jesus. After meeting Jesus and turning to follow him, Philip goes and gets **Nathanael**—the narrative indicates that Philip sought Nathanael out to introduce him to Jesus. But Nathanael is initially hesitant, even scornful of Jesus because of where he is from. But eventually he does accept Philip’s invitation. But, does he accept because Jesus is from **Nazareth** or because his friend Philip, whom he trusts, has invited him? So, as the motion of the text moves on, there is a transition in conversation concerning Jesus' **deity**—to a conversation of Jesus' **demographic**.

1. **The Seeking Of Christ Demographics:**

(John 1:46 KJV)

*And Nathanael said unto him,* ***Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth****? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.*

Now Nathanael out of all subject matters, questioned Jesus' domiciled geographical location. So the question remain why? You see, the reason for Nathanial's rapid response all had to do with the word **Nazareth**!