

For the Love of an Imperative Verb

John 1:47-51

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⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathaniel coming toward him, he said of him, “**Here** [ἴδε, ἰδε] is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathaniel asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathaniel replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the king of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” [NRSV89]

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ἴδε, ἰδε; *vb*: 2nd aor act **imperative** 2nd pers sg from ὁράω:

translations: **here** [NRSV89, NAB, NIV11, NRSVue], also **behold** [ESV, NKJV], **look** [NGEINT], **there** [NJB]

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