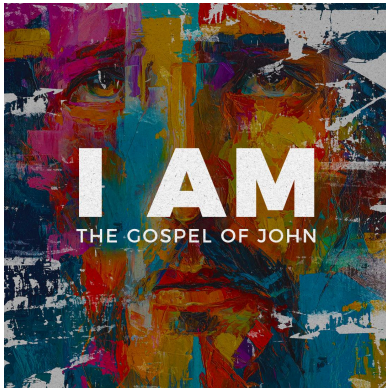


Title: Full Known, Still Called

Series: I Am

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Introduction

Jesus sees you fully, knows you deeply, and still calls you to follow Him. In John 1:19-51, we watch Jesus identify people in ways that startle them — not because He's guessing well, but because He actually sees past the surface. John the Baptist points the way, the first disciples respond with curiosity, and Nathanael discovers that the private moment under the fig tree was never private at all.

Key Texts: John 1:19-51; Genesis 28:10-17; Isaiah 53:7; 1 John 1:9

Icebreaker

What's one thing about you that people almost always get wrong when they first meet you?

Discussion Questions

1. John the Baptist repeatedly answers "No" when asked if he's the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet. Instead, he defines himself as "a voice" pointing to Jesus. Where do you see yourself building identity around titles, roles, or accomplishments rather than your relationship to Jesus? What do you think it would look like to reorient?
2. **Read John 1:29 together.** Sandy unpacked the phrase "Lamb of God" as sacrificial language: Passover, the temple system, Isaiah 53. Why does John use this image first rather than calling Jesus "King" or "Teacher"? What does that tell us about what Jesus came to do?
3. **Read John 1:35-39 together.** Jesus' first question to the disciples is "What do you want?" and His first invitation is "Come and see." Why doesn't He start with doctrine or requirements? What does this reveal about how Jesus draws people toward Himself?

4. **Read John 1:47-48 together.** Jesus tells Nathanael, "I saw you under the fig tree." Sandy explained that fig trees were places of private prayer and reflection; this wasn't casual observation but divine knowledge. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God saw something you thought was hidden? How did that change you?

5. Sandy said we live in tension: we want to be known, but we're afraid of what happens if we are. Which side of that tension do you lean toward right now? Longing to be seen, or hiding to stay safe? What would it look like to trust that Jesus already sees it all and hasn't turned away?

6. Philip's invitation to Nathanael is simple: "Come and see." Who in your life needs that invitation right now? What's holding you back from offering it?

Key Takeaways

- You are not the Savior, but you can point to Him
 - Jesus deals with what you can't; He is the Lamb who takes away sin
 - You don't have to have it all figured out before you follow; just take your next step
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Silence and Solitude

This week, find a quiet place and ask yourself: What am I still trying to hide from Jesus?

Sit with that honestly. Don't rush to clean it up or explain it away. Just name it; the fear, the shame, the sin, the wound.

Then read 1 John 1:9 slowly:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Confession isn't about shame. It's about stepping into the light with what Jesus already sees and discovering that He's still there, still calling you forward.

Let Him carry what you were never meant to carry alone.