John 1:43-51 Who is This Guy? Week 1 of 5

Who Is This Guy?

"The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, He said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip 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."

⁴⁶"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, He said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." ⁵⁰Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." ⁵¹He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." - John 1:43-51

- Nathanael was a good man.
- Jesus saw him when he was open and seeking.
- Jesus' miraculous knowledge compelled Nathanael to believe.

What Does Jesus Know About Me?

1. Jesus knows what I really think.

- He knows everything about us, including our thoughts.
 - "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever." 1 Chronicles 28:9
- We practice hiding things away.
- He knows my every thought and loves me anyway!
 - "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12
- So, what should I think about?
 - "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

2. Jesus knows the motives of my heart.

• Jesus wants to do away with the plastic façade we put forward. He wants His church to be a place where people can be real, authentic.

"All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD."
- Proverbs 16:2

• We tend to justify our own actions, to believe that we do things for the right reasons. One day our true motives will be exposed.

"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive His praise from God."

—1 Corinthians 4:5

• For Christians, having our motives revealed should bring joy to our hearts.

"At that time each will receive His praise from God." – 1 Corinthians 4:5

3. Jesus knows how I really feel.

• He knows my painful, anguished moments.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:9

• He knows my times of worry. I can't control things, but He can.

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

- Luke 12:25

• Everything to Him is a "little thing".

"Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"
- Luke 12:26

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7

Application

- 1. Jesus already knows the worst things that you have ever done. He even knows what you have thought about doing, and even the motives behind some of the good things you have done.
- 2. He still loves you.
- 3. His call to follow Him still comes to everyone.
- 4. It is up to you to accept Jesus' call to follow after Him.

John 1:43-51

Week 1 of 5

Who Is This Guy?

Who Is This Guy?

"Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, lika ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael a about in the Law, and about the son of Joseph." ⁶⁴ "Nazareth! Can anything "Come and see," said Philip of him, "Here is a true Isra know me?" Nathanael ask under the fig tree before Phyou are the Son of God; you because I told you I saw you that." ⁵¹ He then added, "I	e Andrew and Peter, vand told him, "We have at whom the prophets of good come from there possesses and the season of the season	Finding Philip, He said to him, was from the town of Bethsaida. e found the one Moses wrote also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, e?" Nathanael asked. Nathanael approaching, He said is nothing false." 48"How do you 'I saw you while you were still hen Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, el." 50 Jesus said, "You believe You shall see greater things than shall see heaven open, and the Son of Man." - John 1:43-51
Nathanael was a	man.	
Jesus saw him when he	e was open and	
• Jesus' miraculous knov What I 1. Jesus knows what I re	Does Jesus Know	
	=	out us, including our thoughts.
"And you, my son Solomo wholehearted devotion a and understands every m	n, acknowledge the Go and with a willing mind, notive behind the though	d of your father, and serve Him with for the LORD searches every heart hts. If you seek Him, He will be eject you forever."- 1 Chronicles 28:9
• We practice	things away	
	iving and active. Sharp	me anyway! per than any double-edged sword, it is and marrow; it judges the - Hebrews 4:12
• So, what should I thin	ık about?	
	ver is lovely, whatever is	whatever is noble, whatever is right, s admirable—if anything is excellent - Philippians 4:8

2. Jesus knows the motives of my heart.

	ay with the plastic façade we be a place where people can be	*
"All a man's ways seem in	nnocent to him, but motives are weig	ghed by the LORD." - Proverbs 16:2
• We tend to things for the right re	our own actions, t	o believe that we do ives will be exposed.
bring to light what is hid	before the appointed time; wait till dden in darkness and will expose the ceive His praise from God."	
• For Christians, having our hearts.	g our motives revealed should	d bring to
"At that time each will red	ceive His praise from God."	- 1 Corinthians 4:5
3. Jesus knows how I re	eally feel.	
He knows my	, anguished mor	ments.
	er than the earth, so are my ways h	
	of I can't controcan add a single hour to his life?"	
• Everything to Him is	a " thing".	
	very little thing, why do you worry	about the rest?"
·		- Luke 12:26
"Cast all your anxiety on	Him because He cares for you."	- 1 Peter 5:7
Application		
He even knows wh	es the things that y at you have thought about d ne of the good things you ha	oing, and even the
2. He still	_ you.	
3. His call to follow H	Him still comes to	
4. It is up to you to	Jesus' call to	follow after Him.