

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 5, Episode 4

Is Jesus the One We've Been Waiting For?

John 1:29-42

Icebreaker

Share about a time when you were excited to meet someone you'd been waiting for, like a relative or a celebrity. How did it feel to finally meet them?

Discussion Questions

1. What significance does John the Baptist's proclamation, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," have for understanding Jesus' mission? (John 1:29)
2. Why do you think John the Baptist did not initially recognize Jesus as the Messiah, even though they were cousins? How does this reveal God's plan for Jesus' identity? (John 1:30-34)
3. Pastor Robby connects the dove descending on Jesus with the dove in Noah's ark narrative. How does this enrich our understanding of Jesus as a symbol of salvation?
4. The episode describes the "Fab 5" disciples (John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael). Why do you think Jesus chose these ordinary men for His mission?
5. What is the significance of Jesus seeking out His disciples rather than them seeking Him, as was the custom for rabbis?
6. How do the roles of Jesus as the Suffering Servant (like Joseph) and the King of Israel (like David) shape our expectations of Him as Messiah?
7. Philip introduces Nathanael to Jesus by saying, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law." What does this tell us about the role of Scripture in revealing Jesus?

8. How does Nathanael's skepticism about Nazareth reflect broader doubts about Jesus? What can we learn from Jesus' response to him?
 9. Discuss the symbolism of Jesus renaming Simon to Peter. How does this renaming reflect Jesus' transformative work in our lives?
 10. Why do you think John the Baptist willingly directed his disciples to Jesus instead of holding onto them for his own ministry?
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Application Questions

1. How does recognizing Jesus as the Lamb of God impact the way you view your sin and salvation?
 2. Have you experienced moments where God revealed something to you in unexpected ways? How did that shape your faith?
 3. Are there people in your life you need to introduce to Jesus, like Andrew did with Peter? How can you do that this week?
 4. How can we trust Jesus' timing in His calling on our lives, just as He called the disciples in His perfect timing?
 5. What does it mean for you personally to follow Jesus as both a Suffering Servant and a triumphant King?
 6. How does knowing that Jesus seeks us out change your perspective on His love and grace?
 7. Nathanael initially doubted Jesus because of where He was from. Are there any areas in your life where you struggle with biases or assumptions about others? How can you work on those?
 8. How can you practically live out your identity as a "rock" or stable foundation in your family, workplace, or community, as Peter was called to be?
 9. In what ways can you point others to Jesus, as John the Baptist did?
 10. How does the example of the first disciples encourage you to step out in faith and follow Jesus wholeheartedly?
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Prayer Prompt

Close your time by praying for the group to grow in their understanding of Jesus as the Lamb of God and King of Kings. Ask God to reveal ways to introduce others to Jesus and to strengthen faith as each person follows Him. Pray specifically for opportunities to share the Gospel with those who may be seeking the Messiah.

Additional Resources

- **Books:**
 - *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty.
 - *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Lois Tverberg.
- **Scripture Passages:**
 - Genesis 22 (Abraham and Isaac foreshadowing the Lamb of God).
 - Exodus 12 (The Passover Lamb and its significance).
 - Isaiah 53 (The Suffering Servant).
- **Podcasts:**
 - *Making Disciples with Robby Gallaty*.
 - *BEMA Discipleship Podcast* (episodes on Messiahship)
- **Websites:**
 - [Long Hollow Church](#) for sermon archives
 - [Ariel Ministries](#) for resources on the life of Jesus

This guide offers a balanced mix of scripture study, practical application, and reflection to deepen your group's understanding of Jesus' call to His first disciples and what it means for us today.