

He Never Knew a Stranger

Text: John 1:45-50

Introduction: *There are people of whom we sometimes say, “He/she never knew a stranger.” There’s only one person we could accurately describe with those words and that would be Jesus Christ. What took place when people met Jesus 2,000 years ago, still takes place today.*

I. Jesus _____ Nathanael vs.47-49

Scholars believe that the Nathanael mentioned by John is the same as Bartholomew mentioned by the other three gospel writers.

John 10:3; 4:16-18; Psalm 139:1-18,23&24; Isaiah 49:14-16

Jesus Christ sees everything we do and knows everything we think. And yet, he still loves us unconditionally. While there are many who do not know him, none of us is a stranger to Jesus.

II. Nathanael Professed _____ in Jesus vs.49

“Friendship is as important to our health as exercise and eating” (Dr. Laura Triplette)

Genesis 2:18 We all need to belong to a human community

John 4:29; Acts 2:45&46; 4:32-37; 2:47

John 12:32

III. Nathanael’s Life was Forever _____ vs.50

II Corinthians 5:17; John 11:40

Conclusion: Nathanael found out that Jesus Christ doesn’t know a stranger. Jesus still doesn’t know a stranger today. If you don’t know him, it’s time the two of you became friends. If you do know Jesus, it’s time we intentionally become friends with those who don’t. Not only will we make fantastic new friendships, but many of those people we meet, will also become friends with Jesus.