

Unashamed

(Luke 9:26)

- Introduction:
1. When one is introduced to Jesus, it should change his life.
 2. While we often praise Peter for his confession of Jesus being the Christ, few consider an earlier confession by Nathaniel.
 3. (John 1:45-51).
 4. Such willingness to confess Christ has waned under our current culture.
 5. The intent of this lesson is to remind you of who you are and to unashamedly stand up for Jesus regardless of the consequences.

I. A Scroll Through Luke

- A. The book of Luke contains several accounts of people and their fearless acknowledgement of Jesus.
- B. These people came out of the shadows, refused to be silent and blend in, and took a stand for Jesus.
- C. Consider these accounts:
 1. Matthew (Luke 5:27-28).
 2. The Sinful Woman (Luke 7:36-50).
 3. A Ruler of the Synagogue (Luke 8:41).
 4. A Woman with an ailment (Luke 8:43-48).
 5. A Blind Man (Luke 18:35-43).
 6. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10).
 7. Joseph of Arimathea (Luke 23:50-56)
 8. Officers & Nicodemus (Jn.7:45-52).

II. Then There's You

- A. What will you do with Jesus?
- B. Will you stay in the shadows?
- C. Will you remain in obscurity to where no one really knows how you feel about him?
- D. Do you have moments in your life when you took a stand for Jesus?
- E. Your relationship with Jesus comes before your:
 1. Job.
 2. Friends.
 3. Children.
 4. Spouse.

- Conclusion:
1. Take courage!
 2. Don't allow anyone to hold you back from full obedience to Jesus.
 3. Believe what's right, stand for what's right, and do what's right, and don't fear the repercussions!