



## “I Am” PT. III | Mark | Mark Allen | 03.22.26

### “I Am the Son of God” Luke’s Gospel

#### Opening Prayer

Begin with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to open hearts and minds to understand what God wants to reveal through this study.

#### Icebreaker

Share about a time when you lost something valuable and then found it. How did you feel when you found it? How does that compare to being "found" by God?

#### Key Scripture

**Luke 19:10** - "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

#### Key Takeaways

✓ **Jesus came to restore relationship**, not just to forgive sin. What was lost in the Garden was intimate fellowship with God.

✓ **No one is too insignificant** for God's love. He seeks the one lost sheep, the one lost coin, the one lost son.

✓ **The torn veil changed everything.** We now have direct access to God's presence through Jesus—no more barriers.

✓ **We are the temple of God.** The Holy Spirit dwells within believers, making us mobile temples where God's presence resides.

✓ **Relationship requires invitation.** Like the Emmaus disciples, we must invite Jesus to "stay with us" and be part of our everyday lives.

## Discussion Questions:

### Understanding the Message

#### 1. The Temple Connection

- The sermon connected the structure of the temple (outer court, holy place, holy of holies) to human nature (body, soul, spirit). How does this help you understand what was "lost" in the Garden of Eden?
- Why is it significant that Luke references the temple 20 times in his gospel?

#### 2. What Was Lost?

- The sermon emphasized that Jesus came to save "that which was lost" rather than "those who were lost." What's the difference?
- How does understanding that we lost our relationship with God (not just our moral standing) change your perspective on salvation?

#### 3. The Virgin Birth as a Picture

- How does Mary carrying Jesus serve as a picture of what God wants to do in all believers?
- What does it mean that "you are the temple of God" (1 Corinthians)??

### Going Deeper

#### 4. The Insignificant Made Significant

- Discuss the three parables in Luke 15: the lost sheep (1 out of 99), the lost coin (a penny), and the lost son. What do these teach us about God's heart for the "insignificant"?
- Have you ever felt too insignificant for God to care about? How do these stories speak to that feeling?

#### 5. The Torn Veil

- The veil in the temple was 60 feet tall, 30 feet wide, and 4 inches thick. What does it mean that God tore it from top to bottom at the moment of Jesus' death?
- Read Hebrews 10:19-22. What does it mean that we can now "boldly" enter God's presence?

#### 6. The Road to Emmaus

- The two disciples didn't recognize Jesus at first, even though He was walking with them. How might Jesus be "walking with us" in ways we don't immediately recognize?
- What does it mean that Jesus was recognized "in the breaking of bread"? How does communion/fellowship reveal Christ to us?

## Personal Application

### 7. Relationship vs. Religion

- Pastor Mark emphasized that God desires relationship, not just religious activity. How would you describe your current relationship with God—is it more relational or religious?
- What does it look like practically to "walk with God" like Adam and Eve did in the garden?

### 8. Inviting Jesus In

- The disciples on the Emmaus road "urged Him to stay with them." How can we actively invite Jesus into our daily lives rather than letting Him "pass through our midst"?
- Are there areas of your life where you've kept Jesus at a distance?

## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge

#### Daily Practice:

- Set aside 10-15 minutes each day this week simply to "be with God"—not asking for things, but practicing His presence through prayer, silence, or worship.

#### Relational Outreach:

- Pastor Mark mentioned Easter is coming. Who is one "insignificant" or overlooked person in your life you could invite to Easter service? Pray for them and extend an invitation.
- **Scripture Meditation:**
- Read Luke 15 (all three parables) and journal about which story resonates most with your own journey of being "found" by God.

#### Communion Reflection:

- The next time you take communion, remember the "breaking of bread" on the Emmaus road. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you in fresh ways.

## Closing Reflection

**Question for Silent Reflection:** "What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?"

Take 2-3 minutes of silence for personal reflection, then invite 2-3 people to share what God is speaking to them..

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## Prayer Focus

- Thank God for tearing the veil and making a way for us to have relationship with Him
  - Pray for those who feel insignificant or far from God
  - Ask for boldness to invite others to Easter services
  - Pray that each group member would experience fresh intimacy with Jesus this week
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## Looking Ahead

### Prepare for Next Week:

- Read the Gospel of Luke in preparation for Easter
  - Invite at least one person to Easter service
  - Consider attending a different service time (especially 12:30) to make room for guests
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## Additional Resources

- Read: The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer (on intimacy with God)
- Study: The tabernacle and temple in the Old Testament to better understand the symbolism
- Reflect: What does it mean that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)