



***“Don’t Even Try”  
John 10:22-39***

What is the most important thing that someone has ever said to you? How did it change your life?

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This week in “Let’s Talk About Jesus” we turn to John’s gospel again. John makes the point of his gospel known in the first chapter. 1:1- “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” He wants his readers to know that Jesus is God himself, come to earth for humanity’s sake. So often when get into debates about different faiths with people we fail to take them to the central, primary argument- “Who is Jesus?” In *John 8*, John records Jesus’ remarkable words, “I Am”- claiming to be God himself. In *John 10* he continues to build on that theme, and records three life changing statements from Jesus

“I \_\_\_\_\_ you”- *John 10:27*.

The word, “know” here is the same one used to express sexual intimacy in scripture. Jesus is communicating that as intimately as any one can know us, he knows us even more, and still loves us.

Read *Jeremiah 12:3, 1 Corinthians 13:12, Psalm 139*.

How in knowing, that I am known by God comforting to me?

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“I’ve \_\_\_\_\_ you”- *John 10:28-29*.

Here Jesus makes two promises. Can you name them?

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“to snatch”- “to seize or take away by force”

Read *Isaiah 49:16*.

How can knowing that there is nothing that can remove from the hand of God be a comfort to you?

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“I am \_\_\_\_\_”- *John 10:30*

Read *Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-3, John 8:58*.

Writers consistently point to Jesus as God himself, come in human form for us. He is uniquely divine and human.

How can knowing, believing and living the fact that Jesus is God give comfort to me? To others around me?

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So often we try to say, “God doesn’t care about me,” “God doesn’t understand,” “God isn’t real” These few verses are a reminder to “Don’t even try” to say those things are true, because they are not. Because Jesus is, who he says he is, and does what he does I can live secure and find comfort.

This week

- In what areas of my life can these truths, spoken by Jesus comfort me in my life?
- Is there someone I know to whom I can offer the same comfort?