

IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS ~ JOHN 1:19-51

→ Scripture Reading John 1:19-30

JOHN DECLARES HE IS NOT THE MESSIAH ~ John 1:19-28

[19] Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. [20] He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ." [21] They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." [22] Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" [23] John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.' "

[24] Now some Pharisees who had been sent [25] questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" [26] "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. [27] He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." [28] This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

APPLICATION

“Christ does not exist in order to make much of us. We exist in order to enjoy making much of Him.” (J. Piper)

JOHN PUTS THE FOCUS ON JESUS ~ John 1:29-39

[29] The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! [30] This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' [31] I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." [32] Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. [33] I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' [34] I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

John's Testimony About Jesus...

- Lamb of God - save people from their sins vs. 29
- Will Baptize with Holy Spirit - the founder of the Church vs. 33 (Acts 2)
- Son of God - Worthy of Adoration & Praise vs. 34

JOHN SENDS PEOPLE TO BE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS ~ John 1:35-51

[35] The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. [36] When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" [37] When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. [38] Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" [39] "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

[40] Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. [41] The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). [42] And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

[43] The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." [44] Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. [45] Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." [46] "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

[47] When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." [48] "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." [49] Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." [50] Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." [51] He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Titles and Names of Jesus...

- The Lamb of God vs. 29
- Son of God vs. 34, 49
- Rabbi vs. 38
- The Messiah vs. 41
- Fulfillment of Law & Prophets vs. 45
- The King of Israel vs. 49
- Son of Man vs. 51

APPLICATION

TAKE AWAY ??

Matthew 11:11 I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist...

→ **John was willing to SPEND HIS life for the Messiah**

Mark 8:34-36 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [35] For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. [36] What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"

→ **If we do those things FOR THE LORD... we will be Spending Our lives for HIM**

At the End of Life ~ N. C. Schaeffer

When we stand before the Lord at the end of our lives the question will not be...

How much have you gotten? But ...How much have you given?

Not... How much have you won? But ...How much have you done?

Not... How much have you saved? But ...How much have you Sacrificed for others?

THE QUESTION WILL BE...

...How much have you Loved and Served

NOT ...How much Were you Honored?