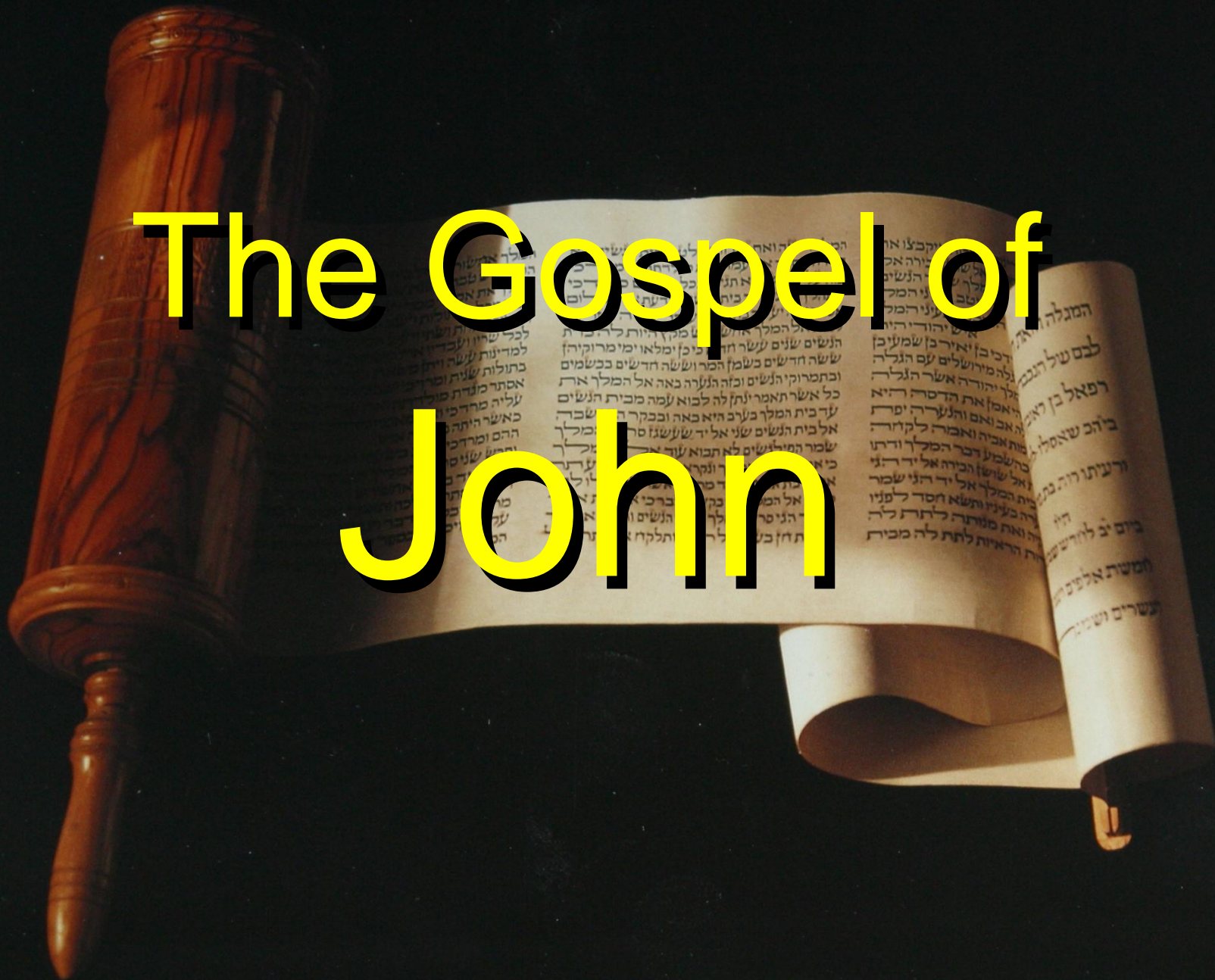


# The Gospel of John



# Introduction

- 4 Gospels?
- One Fourfold presentation
  - Matthew: King of Israel (Jewishness)
  - Mark: the Servant (humility)
  - Luke: Son of Man (humanity)
  - John: Son of God (deity)

# Introduction

## Omitted From John's Gospel:

- His birth
- His boyhood
- His temptation
- His transfiguration
- Appointing of the disciples
- Parables
- Ascension
- The great commission

# Introduction

## John's reason for writing:

- 30* And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
- 31* But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**John 20:30-31**

# Introduction

## Key word:

- Believe x 100
  - Believed / Believeth / Believeest / Believing / Commit (to trust)
- Gr. *ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ* 'pisteuo'
- to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ)

# Introduction

Why entrust our spiritual well-being to Christ?

- Because Christ is God manifest in the flesh
- *'the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us'* v.14

# Introduction

## Time of Writing:

- c.AD 96-100
- After John had returned from Patmos
- He returned to Ephesus
- Gnostic heresy now creeping in
- Denying that Jesus was God

# Introduction

- 21** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.
- 22** Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
- 23** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

**1 John 2:21-23**

**John 10:30: "I am my Father are one"**



# Introduction

## Jude's Warning:

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 3-4

# Introduction

## Jude's Warning:

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 3-4

# Isaiah's Insight

*6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.*

**Isaiah 44:6**

# The First & The Last

**17** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

**Revelation 1:17**

# The First & The Last

*8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write;  
These things saith the first and the last, which was  
dead, and is alive;*

**Revelation 2:8**

- If God is the first & the last...
- And Christ is the first & the last...
- Christ must be God

# The Only Saviour

**II** I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

**Isaiah 43:11**

# The Only Saviour

*21 ...who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.*

*22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*

Isaiah 45:21-22

# The Only Saviour

*42 And (they) said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world*

**John 4:42**

- God alone is Saviour (Is 43 / 45)
- Jesus is the only Saviour (John 4 etc.)
- For both to be true, Jesus has to be God.



# The Creator

5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Isaiah 42:5

# The Creator

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made

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10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not

John 1:3,10

- God alone is Creator (Is 42)
- Jesus is the Creator (John 1 etc.)
- For both to be true, Jesus has to be God.

# C.S. Lewis

*“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claims to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things that Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse”.*

# C.S. Lewis

*“You can shut Him up as a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that option open to us. He did not intend to.”*

# Introduction

## Deity of Christ

- ‘Let Us create’ Gen 1:26
- Eloheim – plural noun, used a singular
- Angel of the LORD
- Physical manifestation of God
- Christ is the final, ultimate manifestation of God
- *“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him” - John 1:18*

# Introduction

## Heptadic Structure

- Seven 'I AM' statements
- Seven miracles
- Seven witnesses
- Seven X 'meta tauta'
  - 'after these things'  
(3:22 / 5:1 / 5:14 / 7:1 / 13:7 / 19:38 / 21:1)

# Introduction

## The Seven I AM Statements:

- I AM the bread of life – 6:35
- I AM the light of the world – 8:12
- Before Abraham was I AM – 8:58
- I AM the good shepherd – 10:11
- I AM the resurrection & life – 11:25
- I AM the way, truth & life – 14:6
- I AM the true vine – 15:1

# Introduction

## The Seven Witnesses

- John the Baptist: *“This is the Son of God”* 1:34
- Nathanael: *“Thou art the Son of God”* 1:49
- Peter: *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”* 6:69
- Martha: *“Thou art the Christ, the Son of God”* 11:27
- Thomas: *“My Lord and my God”* 20:28
- John: *“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God”* 20:31
- Christ: *“I am the Son of God”* 10:36



# Introduction

## The Seven Miracles:

- Water to wine: 2:1-11
- Healing the nobleman's son: 4:46-54
- Healing of the man at Bethesda: 5:1-47
- Feeding the 5000: 6:1-14
- Walking on water: 6:15-21
- Healing the blind man: 9:1-41
- Raising of Lazarus: 11:1-57

# Henrietta C. Mears

*“The theme of John’s gospel is the deity of Jesus Christ. More here than anywhere else His divine Sonship is set forth. In this gospel we are shown the babe of Bethlehem was none other than the “only begotten of the Father.” There are evidences and proofs given without number. Although all things were made by Him, although in him was life, yet He was made flesh, and dwelt among us. No man could see God; therefore, Christ came to declare Him.”*

What The Bible Is All About

# Why this book?

- Christ is the bedrock, the foundation on which we are to build – **1 Cor 3:11 / Matt 7:24**
- Not our ideas or ideals
- Every church must be built on Christ
- Jesus said: 'I will build My church' – **Matt 16:18**
- It is His church, we are His sheep
- John's gospel introduces us to Jesus Christ
- Our goal & aim is to be rightly related to Him

# Oswald Chambers

*Immediately we look at these words of Jesus, we find them the most revolutionary statement human ears ever listened to. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” We argue in exactly the opposite way, even the most spiritually-minded of us—“But I must live; I must make so much money; I must be clothed; I must be fed.” The great concern of our lives is not the kingdom of God, but how we are to fit ourselves to live. Jesus reverses the order: Get rightly related to God first, maintain that as the great care of your life, and never put the concern of your care on the other things.”*

**- My Utmost for His Highest**

# Oswald Chambers

*“If you want to be of use to God, get rightly related to Jesus Christ and He will make you of use unconsciously every minute you live”*

- My Utmost for His Highest



# The Gospel of John

## Chapter 1

# Chapter 1

- Introduction vs. 1-3
  - the 'Logos'
- Christ's mission vs. 4-14
  - Light of the world
- The unveiling of Christ vs. 15-34
  - John the Baptist's testimony
- The first disciples vs. 35-51
  - 1) seekers
  - 2) witnessed to
  - 3) sought
  - 4) convicted/convinced

<sup>2</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-3

- Lit. *'When the beginning began'*
- 'Logos' –
  - 'reason' in terms of thought, and
  - 'word' in terms of the expression of that thought



4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:4-5

- All life originates from God
- Adam was just a 'shell' until God breathed life into him and 'he became a living soul'
- Life itself is a great light But...
- Man rejected the light
- That's why God had to be manifest in the flesh, to help us see & to lead us back 'from darkness to light'

- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

**John 1:6-8**

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

**John 1:9**

# Light

*1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

*3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*

# Light

## Verse 3

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר וַיְהִי אוֹר

'owr      hayah      'owr      hayah      Eloheim      amar

light      be      light      be      Eloheim      Said  
(God)

Genesis 1:3

*And God said, 'Let light be light'*

*And God said, 'Let The Light illuminate'*

# Light

- For the Light to now illuminate..
- It had to already exist

# Light

<sup>6</sup> For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 4:6

- Light was therefore pre-existent

# Light

*I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*

**Isaiah 45:7**



# Light

I form the light, and **create** darkness: I make peace,  
and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Isaiah 45:7

ברא

bara (create out of  
nothing)

# Light

I **form** the light, and **create** darkness: I make peace,  
and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Isaiah 45:7

יצר yatsar

(mould into a form)

KJV - earthen,  
fashion, form,  
frame, make, potter,  
purpose.

ברא

bara (create out of  
nothing)

# The Light of the world

<sup>12</sup> Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying:

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12

# The Light of the world

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

# The Light of the world

- Light was pre-existent in the person of Jesus Christ
- God commanded the Light to shine
- The Light simply then illuminated
- Jesus Christ – the pre-existent One – who is the Light, created all things

# Symmetry of Design

- Each particle has an antiparticle

particle + antiparticle  annihilation + photon

- Physicists suggest this is a reversible reaction
- The implication...
- Light could have created matter!

- I<sup>o</sup>** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- I<sup>i</sup>** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
- I<sup>2</sup>** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

**John 1:10-12**

# Sons of God

- 'Bene Ha Eloheim'
- A direct creation of God
  - Gen 6:2,4; Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7
- 'Born Again'
  - John ch 3



# Sons of God

I Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 3:1

**13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**John 1:13**

- **Hebrews 12:9** – God is the Father of spirits
- True life is not physical, it is spiritual

**14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**John 1:14**

- You couldn't want a clear statement of Christ's divinity
- The eternal Word (Logos) – the expression of the Father, *“the image of the invisible God”* Col 1:15
- This very act is the pinnacle of His grace, knowing it would culminate at the cross

**14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**John 1:14**

**15** John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

**John 1:15**

**16** And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

**17** For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

**John 1:16-17**

**18** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

**John 1:18**

**15** John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

**John 1:15**

**19** And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

**John 1:19**

# Adam Clarke's Suggestion

- Verse 14
- Verse 16
- Verse 17
  - End of section
- Verse 18
- Verse 15
- Verse 19



**14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,  
(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only  
begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**John 1:14**

**16** And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

**17** For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

**John 1:16-17**

- The Law could only condemn
- The purpose of the Law was to 'confine all under sin' – **Gal 3:22**
- Grace beyond what we dared ask
- cf. The Prodigal son – **Luke 15**

**18** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

**John 1:18**

# No Man Has Seen God?

- **Genesis 18:20-33** - Abraham has a face to face conversation with God.
- **Genesis 32:24-30**, Jacob not only sees God face to face, he wrestles with Him all night.
- **Exodus 24:9-11** Moses and the elders of Israel go up the mount, see God, and eat and drink in His presence!
- Joshua, Gideon, Samson's parents and others see God, and their lives are spared.

# No Man Has Seen God?

*24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

**John 4:24**

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

19 And **this is the record of John**, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. **Art thou that prophet?** And he answered, No.

Deut 18:18

John 1:19-21

*22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?*

**John 1:22**

- John has not been officially ordained by the religious leaders of the day
- They want to know by what authority he is doing what he is

*23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.*

*24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.*

*25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?*

**John 1:23-25**

- **Note: John's authority is the Word of God!**
- **But that is obviously not good enough!**



*26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;*

*27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.*

*28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.*

**John 1:26-28**

- John's baptism was symbolic
- The real cleansing would be done by Christ

<sup>29</sup> The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

- Answer to the question in Genesis 22

# The Promised Lamb

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb** for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:7-8

*30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.*

*31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.*

**John 1:30-31**

- Surely John knew his cousin?
- But he did not know Christ's divinity
- John's role was to prepare the way

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

**John 1:32-33**

# Jesus' Baptism

- Jesus' baptism was not 'an anointing for service'
- Rather, it was the public sign that John had been promised that would identify the Messiah.
- Thus, John declares Him the 'Son of God'
- Not 'he has become the Son of God'
- Rather, He has always been...
- Now He is manifest

*35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;  
36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!*

**John 1:35-36**

- John practiced what he preached
- Pointing men to Jesus (he must increase...)
- We are not to get converts to our opinions, but we are to point men to Christ

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

**John 1:37-39**



# Sincere Seekers

- Here we see the 1<sup>st</sup> of four ways people come to the knowledge of Christ
- They had grown up believing
- They were already searching
- The Big question: 'What seek ye?'
- Jesus asks questions to make us think!
- There still has to be a moment of decision

- 40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
- 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

**John 1:40-42**

# Personal Testimony

- This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of four ways people come to the knowledge of Christ
- The irrefutable power of personal testimony
- ‘We have found Messiah!’
  
- There still has to be a moment of decision and a personal response

**43** The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

**44** Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

**John 1:43-44**

# 'Hand Picked'

- This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> way people come to the knowledge of Christ
- Jesus Himself seeks them out
- In one sense this is true for all of us
- *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”* (Luke 19:10)
- NB: Both Philip and Paul were martyred!

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

**John 1:45-46**

# Appeal To Evidence

- The 4<sup>th</sup> way people come to the knowledge of Christ
- Testimony + Evidence
- God's two witnesses: 'Law & the Prophets
- The Law convicts men - **Psalm 19:7**
- The prophets convince men
- We have overwhelming evidence
- *"To whom also he [Jesus] shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3)*

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

John 1:47-48

- *“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” - Hebrews 4:13*



49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

**John 1:49-51**

# Adam Clarke

*“As thou hast credited my divine mission on this simple proof, that I saw thee when and where no human eye, placed where mine was, could see thee, thy faith shall not rest merely upon this, for thou shalt see greater things than these-more numerous and express proofs of my eternal power and Godhead”*



# The Gospel of John

## Chapter 2

- 1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:*
- 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.*

**John 2:1-2**

- 'Third Day' = Tuesday
- The third day receives two x 'it was good'
- 'Day of double blessing'
- Still practiced today

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

John 2:3-4

- Note: Jesus' response
- Jesus never calls Mary 'mother'
- John never calls her 'Mary'
- Mine hour?

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

John 2:5

- Mary's confidence in Jesus was drawn from spending so much time in His presence
- Our confidence in Him will likewise be directly proportional to the amount of time we spend in His presence.

- 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
- 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

**John 2:6-8**

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

**John 2:9-10**



**II** This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

**John 2:11**

# Water to Wine

- This 1<sup>st</sup> miracle Jesus does
- John is writing this some 70+ years after the event
- Look at the detail he remembers:
- 6 water pots
- Set apart for water of purification (cf Num 19)
- They are made of stone
- Why choose this miracle?
- How was this ‘manifesting His glory’?

# Water to Wine

- No meaningless details in the Bible
- Every number, place name, detail
- All there by deliberate supernatural design
  
- 6 is the number of man (6<sup>th</sup> day / 666 etc.)
- Our first clue...
- This is in reference to us

# Water to Wine

- The first miracle Jesus does in our lives
- Take a vessel that was intended to be set apart
- But has become empty & stone
- Fills it with water (of the Word)
- The once empty vessel now brings forth fruit
- The fruit of the vine

# Another Lesson

- The world offers its 'best' first
- Then the poison follows
  
- God has saved the best until last
- A new heaven & new earth
- *“weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning”* Psalm 30:5
- *“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy”*  
Psalm 126:5

**12** After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

**John 2:12**

- Capernaum would become His 'home town' during the Galilean ministry

- 13** And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,
- 14** And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:
- 15** And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

**John 2:13-15**

**16** And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

**17** And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

**John 2:16-17**



# Outburst of Wrath?

- Righteous anger – not ‘loosing it’
- The money changes etc. were conducting business in the worship area
- They were deliberately profiteering from God’s people
- Remember also: Jesus was the light – light exposes darkness
- The real issue was one of priorities
- – God is a jealous God
- We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit

**18** *Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?*

**John 2:18**

- Here we go again:
- ‘by what authority...’,
- ‘who gave you permission...’
- It is always those appointed by men that question those appointed by God!

- 19** Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- 20** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?
- 21** But he spake of the temple of his body.

**John 2:19-21**

**22** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

**John 2:22**

- 23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.*
- 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,*
- 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.*

**John 2:23-25**

# A Sad Indictment

- In our flesh dwells no good thing
- Though many believed – intellectually
- The real change had not taken place

*“The heart of the matter,  
is the matter of the heart”*

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# The Gospel of John

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