

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 1*  
**“THE WORD BECAME FLESH”**  
*John 1:1-18*

AUTHOR: John (*1:14; 13:23; 18:15; 19:26-27, 35; 20:2; 21:7, 20-25*)

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THEME: JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

*(1:34, 3:16-18; 5:18; 6:69; 9:35-38; 10:36; 11:4, 27; 20:31)*

PURPOSE: *John 20:30-31*. 93% of John’s material is not in the other 3 Gospels.

OUTLINE:

- 1A. INTRODUCTION - *1:1-18*
- 2A. HIS **PUBLIC** MINISTRY - *1:19-12:50*
- 3A. HIS **PRIVATE** MINISTRY - *13:1-17:26*
- 4A. HIS **PASSION** MINISTRY - *18:1-20:31*
- 5A. CONCLUSION - *21:1-25*

USAGE WORDS:

“*Father*” - 127 times; “*Son*” - 52 times; “*God*” - 77 times; “*Lord*” - 44 times;  
“*Word*” - 35 times; “*Life*” - 42 times; “*Believe*” - 92 times; “*Truth*” - 66; “*Love*” - 57;  
“*Light*” - 23; “*Abide*” - 41; “*Know*” - (“*oida*” - 61) (“*gnosko*” - 56; “*Jews*” 71;  
“*World*” - 79. 25 titles of Christ in Chapter 1.

- 1A. HIS **RELATIONSHIP** TO GOD AND ALL THINGS - *1-5*
- 2A. HIS **REASON** FOR COMING INTO THE WORLD - *6-13*
- 3A. HIS **REVELATION** OF GOD - *14-18*

1A. HIS **RELATIONSHIP** TO GOD AND ALL THINGS - *1-5*

1B. It involves His **PREEXISTENCE**  
“*in the beginning*” no article before beginning – cf. *Col. 1:16-17*

2B. It involves His **POSITION**  
“*the Word was with (PROS/facing) God*” - equality

3B. It involves His **PERSON**  
“*the Word was God*” or “*God was the Word*”  
*Rev. 19:13*

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- 4B. It involves His **POWER**  
*"all things were made through Him" - Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; Psa. 33:6*  
*"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made" Prov. 8:12, 27-30*
- 5B. It involves His **PURPOSE**  
Giver of life and light. *"Comprehend"* - overtake? *"did not appropriate"*  
better.
- 1A. *HIS RELATIONSHIP TO GOD AND ALL THINGS - 1-5*
- 2A. HIS **REASON** FOR COMING INTO THE WORLD - 6-13
- 1B. It was **PREPARED** by John the Baptist - 6-8  
Cf. *Luke 1:13-17; 3:2-6*
- 2B. It was **PREACHED** to His own people - 9-11  
Cf. *Luke 19:9-10. Cf. Matt. 10:5-7*
- 3B. It was **PRESENTED** to all who would receive Him - 12-13
- 3A. HIS **REVELATION** OF GOD - 14-18
- 1B. His **GLORY** was seen - 14  
*"only-begotten"* - 5 times by John once in *Heb. 11: 17; 1 Jn. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:16*
- 2B. His **GREATNESS** was proclaimed - 15
- 1C. In terms of **Preeminence**  
*"preferred before me"*
- 2C. In terms of **Preexistence**  
*"for He was before me"*. Yet, John was six months older.
- 3B. His **GRACE** was given - 16-17  
*"grace for (ANTI - in exchange for) grace"*  
to appropriate a measure of His grace is to receive a larger measure of it - it  
never runs out.
- 4B. His **GOD** was declared - 18  
Greek - *"exegesis"* Declared – to lead out of, to govern – to lead with words or  
interpret. Rabbinic interpretation.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 2*  
**“BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD”**  
*John 1:19-34*

Notice two things about John the Baptist:

- 1A. *HE PREPARED THE WAY FOR THE LORD - 19-28*
- 2A. *HE PROCLAIMED THE TRUE IDENTITY OF JESUS CHRIST - 29-34*

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Background on John the Baptist - *Luke 1:5-17, 39-44; Mark 1:1-8*

- 1B. He DEALT with priests & Levites from Jerusalem who were “sent” Perhaps an official delegation from the Sanhedrin. His father was a priest. “the Jews” – used 70 times.

They were Pharisees (v. 24) - who emphasized outward obedience to the law. John emphasized inward repentance - cf. *Matt. 3:7-11*

- 2B. He DENIED that He was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet that was to come 20-21  
Elijah - *Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6.* cf. *Matt. 11:11-14; 17:10-13*

The Prophet - *Deut. 18:18-22*

Matt. 11:11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater **than John the Baptist**: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

- 3B. He DESCRIBES himself as a voice - 22-23
  - 1C. His Method - a voice crying in the wilderness
  - 2C. His Message - make straight the way of the Lord
  - 3C. His Motivation - as the prophet said - *Isa. 40:3*
- 4B. He DISCUSSED water baptism with them - 24-28  
John’s baptism was not Christian baptism nor Jewish baptism - (proselytes)

v. 26 - “*there stands One among you*” – He was there!

v.27 – “*I am not worthy...*” - for a task meant only for a slave.

*"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD"*

*Message No. 2 - John 1:19-34*

1A. He PREPARED the way for the Lord - 19-28

2A. HE PROCLAIMED THE TRUE IDENTITY OF JESUS CHRIST - 29-34

He emphasized five things about our Lord:

1B. His PAYMENT for our sin - 29

"Sin" – singular, not plural. Cf. *Gen. 22:7-8*

Cf. *2:13* - Passover near, and his father was a priest

Josephus says 256,000 lambs were sacrificed on Passover. 2000 priests served between 3-5 million people in Jerusalem during that time.

They needed more than repentance; they needed redemption. No water of any baptism can take away sin; only the blood of Christ.

2B. His PREEMINENCE and PREEXISTENCE - 30

3B. The PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit - 32

*Isa. 11:2; 42:1; 59:21; 61:1;*

4B. The PURPOSE of His ministry – 33

*"He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit"* - used 7 times. Cf. *Matt. 3:11-12*

5B. His PERSON - "the Son of God"

10 times in John.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 3*  
**“WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH”**  
*John 1:35-51*

Why did these men follow Jesus?

- 1A. *IN THE CASE OF ANDREW AND JOHN, IT WAS THE CONVICTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 35-39*
- 2A. *IN THE CASE OF SIMON PETER, IT WAS THE CLAIM OF HIS BROTHER ANDREW - 40-42*
- 3A. *IN THE CASE OF PHILIP, IT WAS THE CHALLENGE OF JESUS HIMSELF - 43-44*
- 4A. *IN THE CASE OF NATHANAEL, IT WAS THE CHARACTER OF JESUS - 45-51*

1A. IN THE CASE OF ANDREW AND JOHN, IT WAS THE CONVICTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - 35-39

1B. They were COMMITTED to the teaching of John the Baptist - 35  
“*disciples*”

2B. They were CHALLENGED with John’s message about Jesus - 36  
“*Behold the Lamb of God*” *1 Cor. 1:18*

3B. They were CONVINCED to follow Jesus and learn more about him - 37-39  
“*tenth hour*” - Jewish time - 4:00 p.m. or Roman time 10:00 a.m. Cf. *Jn. 20:19*

2A. IN THE CASE OF SIMON PETER, IT WAS THE CLAIM OF BROTHER ANDREW 40-42  
Andrew & Peter had a house in Capernaum cf. *Mk. 1:29*.

1B. Andrew was COMMITTED to the preaching of John the Baptist - 40

1C. First (Before doing anything else) found

2C. Found...first - before finding others

3C. The First (among disciples) to find his brother

2B. Andrew was CONCERNED about his brother - 41a  
Cf. *John 6:8-9; 12:20-22*

3B. Andrew was CERTAIN about the identity of Jesus Christ - 41b

4B. Peter was CONFRONTED with the knowledge and calling of Jesus Christ -42  
Cf. *Matthew 16:15-18* cf. *Luke 5:1-11*

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43-44

Greek "*lover of horses*".

Jesus found him. "**FOLLOW ME**"

Cf. *Matthew 4:18-22*

Bethsaida - "*house of fishing*" - God uses ordinary people. Cf. *John 6:5-7; 12:20; 14:8-9*

4A. IN THE CASE OF NATHANAEL, IT WAS THE CHARACTER OF JESUS  
45-51

"*God has given*" – also called Bartholomew – "*son of Tolmai*". Cf. *Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14*

1B. He was SKEPTICAL of Philip's claim - 45-46

Nazareth, but, there is no reason to argue that Nathanael was one of the apostles.

2B. He was SURPRISED at the knowledge of Jesus - 47-48

"Sit under a fig tree" - *Zech. 3:10; Micah 4:4*

From Cana of Galilee - *Jn. 21:2*

John Calvin – "when we are not even thinking of Christ, we are observed by Him". "Come and see" – common phrase among Rabbis – when a difficult problem arises.

3B. He was STRONG in his confession - 49

"the Son of God" - *not a son of God* & "King of Israel" – cf. *Jn. 12:13*

4B. He was STRENGTHENED by the words of Jesus - 50-51

"*Most assuredly*" Aramaic double amen – occurs 25 times in John.

Cf. *Genesis 28:12* - Jesus is the ladder of Jacob's vision - the way to heaven.

Note: The angels are going up first, not coming down from heaven as we might expect. They are here as God's messengers and servants.

Note: *v. 38* – Jesus said – "What do you seek?"

*v. 41* – "we have found the Messiah"

*v. 43* – "He found Philip" *v. 45* – "We have found Him..."

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 4

## “WATER TO WINE”

*John 2:1-12*

Five things were revealed:

- 1A. *THE MARRIAGE IN CANA REVEALED THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF OUR LORD TO PUBLIC WEDDINGS - 1-2*
- 2A. *THE MOTHER OF JESUS REVEALED HER SIMPLE CONFIDENCE IN HER SON – 3-5*
- 3A. *THE METHOD OF JESUS REVEALED THE SUPERNATURAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS MIRACLE - 6-8*
- 4A. *THE MASTER OF THE FEAST REVEALED THE SPECIAL CONTENT OF THE WINE - 9-10*
- 5A. *THE MIRACLE OF CHANGING WATER INTO WINE REVEALED THE SPIRITUAL CHARACTER OF OUR LORD TO HIS DISCIPLES -11*

- 1A. THE MARRIAGE IN CANA REVEALED THE STRONG COMMITMENT OF OUR LORD TO PUBLIC WEDDINGS - 1-2

Virgins were married on Wednesdays, widows on Thursdays.

“*third day*” - after conversation with Nathanael - cf. **21:2** - Cana

“*were invited*” - Have you invited Jesus to your wedding/marriage?

**Matt. 19:6** - “What God has joined together, let not man separate”

Cf. **Deut. 19:15** - “by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established”. cf. **Matt. 18:16** - “by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established”.

- 2A. THE MOTHER OF JESUS REVEALED HER SIMPLE CONFIDENCE IN HER SON – 3-5

cf. **Luke 2:41-52** Rabbinic saying - “Without wine, there is no joy”

1B. The REASONING of Mary - “They have no wine”

2B. The RELATIONSHIP of Jesus to His mother

1C. The term “woman” was not derogatory, but respectful - it emphasized an important point - he responded as the Son of God not as the son of Mary.

Mary was only a woman - cf. **Luke 1:28** - “*Blessed are you among women*” NOT “*above women*”, And she needed a savior **Luke. 1:47**.

## "WATER TO WINE"

### Message No. 4 John 2:1-12

- 2B. The RELATIONSHIP of Jesus to His mother  
1C. The term "woman" was not derogatory  
2C. The phrase "what does your concern have to do with Me?" - literally, "*What to Me and to thee?*" - indicates a divergence of thought.
- 3B. The REFERENCE to "My time has not yet come"  
Cf.- *2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1*  
1<sup>st</sup> reference is given to His mother, last reference to His heavenly Father.
- 4B. The RESPONSE of Mary  
*"Whatever He says to you, do it"*
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3A. **THE METHOD OF JESUS REVEALED THE SUPERNATURAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS MIRACLE - 6-8**
- 1B. The SIZE of the waterpots of stone - 20 or 30 gallons each
- 2B. The SERVANTS who participated  
v. 5 - "His mother said to the servants"  
v. 7 - "they filled them up to the brim"  
v. 8 - "they took it"
- 4A. **THE MASTER OF THE FEAST REVEALED THE SPECIAL CONTENT OF THE WINE - 9-10**  
*"good wine"*
- (1) Wine that tasted delicious – the taste of pure grape juice.  
(2) Wine that was not mixed with grain or water.  
(3) Wine that was not old or highly fermented. - Cf. *Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35*
- 5A. **THE MIRACLE OF CHANGING WATER INTO WINE REVEALED THE SPIRITUAL CHARACTER OF OUR LORD TO HIS DISCIPLES -11**  
1<sup>st</sup> miracle of Moses, water to blood – Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> was to turn water to wine.
- 1B. He manifested His glory – cf. *1:14*  
*"signs"* – used 17 times
- 2B. His disciples believed in Him Cf. *2:22 and Mark 16:14*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 5*  
**“CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE”**  
*John 2:13-25*

- v. 13 - “the Passover of the Jews was at hand”  
v. 23 - “when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover”

Three Passovers mentioned in the book: **2:13; 6:4; 11:55**

Two problems encountered during Passover season:

- 1A. **THE PROBLEM OF WORSHIP** - 2:13-22  
2A. **THE PROBLEM OF FAITH** - 23-25

1A. **THE PROBLEM OF WORSHIP** - 2:13-22

- 1B. He **DISCOVERED** the problem in the temple - 14  
Such pollution was condemned in **2 Chron. 36:14**  
*“defiled the house of the Lord which He had consecrated in Jerusalem”*

(one reason for captivity)

Also condemned in Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Zephaniah

- 2B. He **DROVE** out the sellers and moneychangers - 15  
cf. **Malachi 3:1** *“and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His Temple”*. **3:1-3** *“purify the sons of Levi”*

*“whip of cords”* – only other usage, **Acts 27:32** *“ropes”* cf. **Mark 11:15-18**

- 3B. He **DENOUNCED** their practice - 16  
*“My Father’s house”* “a house of merchandise” – *“trade”*.

What a statement! - He did not say *“our Father’s house”*. Cf. **Isa. 56:7**

- 4B. He **DEMONSTRATED** to His disciples the fulfillment of a prophecy - 17  
Cf. **Psalm 69:9**

- 5B. They **DEMANDED** a sign for what He was doing - 18  
Cf. **John 6:30** & **Matthew 12:38-42**

## "CLEANSING THE TEMPLE"

Message No. 5 John 2:13-25

- 6B. He **DECLARED** His power over death - 19-21  
Cf. *Mark 14:57-65* Temple – naos *1 Cor. 6:19* cf. *v. 14* hieron
- 1C. His **Control** is clear - 19  
“I will raise it up” cf. *John 10:18*
- 2C. Their **Confusion** is obvious – 20-21  
Cf. *2 Cor. 4:3-4*  
Herod began the project in 19 b.c., his 18<sup>th</sup> year. Josephus says Herod began his rule in 37 b.c. and the Temple wasn't finished until 64 a.d.
- 7B. His disciples **DECIDED** after the resurrection that He was telling the truth and believed in Him - 22  
  
Cf. *Luke 24:1-11, 36-53*
- 2A. THE **PROBLEM** OF FAITH - 23-25
- 1B. The **REASON** for faith is critical - 23  
Cf. *Matt. 12:38-42; John 6:26*
- 2B. The **RESPONSE** to faith is essential - 24  
Cf. *Rev. 2:23* – “I am He Who searches the minds and hearts”.
- 3B. The **REPORT** of faith is unnecessary - 25  
Cf. *Matt. 9:4* – “Jesus, knowing their thoughts”.

### IN THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE, JESUS

1. Attacked the commercialism of the religious leadership.
2. Exposed the graft and greed.
3. Proclaimed the missionary purpose of the court of the gentiles.
4. Fulfilled prophecy about the Messiah.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 6*  
**“YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN”**  
*John 3:1-8*

- 1A. *THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL BIRTH - 1-3*
- 2A. *THE NATURE OF SPIRITUAL BIRTH - 4-8*

Someone once asked George Whitefield – “why do you preach so often on the text ‘you must be born again’”? He Replied – “Because you must be born again”.

1A. THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL BIRTH - 1-3

1B. The APPROACH of Nicodemus - 3:1-2  
Nicodemus – “*victory over the people*”

1C. His religious Persuasion  
“*a man of the Pharisees*” (separatists) cf. *3:10* - “*the teacher*”  
Cf. *Matt. 5:20; 16:6, 11-12; 23:23-33; Luke 16:14-15; 18:9-14*

2C. His political Position  
“*a ruler of the Jews*” - Sanhedrin

3C. His personal Problem  
“*came ... by night*” *7:47-53; 19:38-39* He was afraid - cf. *John 9:22*

2B. The ANSWER of Jesus - 3:3

1C. The REQUIREMENT of being “*born again*” in order to experience the Messianic kingdom  
Greek – “another” – “*above*” *3:31* – “*again*” *3:4*

2C. The REALITY of the Messianic kingdom – “*to see*”

2A. THE NATURE OF SPIRITUAL BIRTH - 4-8

Notice four things:

1B. The CONCERN of Nicodemus - 4

1C. The Problem of age

2C. The Problem of birth

*“YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN”*

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- 2B. The **CONDITION** for entering the Kingdom of God - 5  
*“unless one is born of water and the Spirit”*

four major views:

1C. Water baptism – *Mark 16:15-16*

2C. Physical and spiritual birth  
Being born a Jew, was not enough - cf. *John 8:37-47*

3C. The Word and the Spirit  
Agents of regeneration - cf. *Psalms 119:9, 50; John 15:3; 17:17; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23-25*

4C. Spiritual cleansing - *Ezekiel 36:25-28*

- 3B. The **CONTRAST** of two births - 6

**FLESH**

**SPIRIT**

Sinful

Holy

External

Internal

Limited

Unlimited

Physical

Spiritual

Or it simply means that each reproduces after its own kind

*Vs. 7 – “I said unto you” (singular) “you (plural) must be born again”*

- 4B. The main **CHARACTERISTIC** of spiritual birth - 8  
It is the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit cf. *Luke 17:20-21*

Cf. *Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:2-5; John 19:38-42*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 7*  
**“HOW CAN THE THINGS BE?”**  
*John 3:9-21*

1A. THE **MESSAGE** OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH - 9-13

1B. The **ANXIETY** of Nicodemus - 9

2B. The **ANSWER** of Jesus - 10-13

1C. He expressed **Concern** over his failure to understand - 10  
Cf. *1 Cor. 2:14* “*the teacher of Israel*”.

2C. He revealed the **Cause** of his failure - 11  
Cf. *Heb. 11:3* “*we*” - Jesus and John the Baptist.

3C. He emphasized the **Contrast** between the earthly and heavenly - 12  
“*earthly things*” - birth and wind

“*heavenly things*”: - eternal life/salvation

4C. He explained the **Character** of the gospel - 13  
“*born from above*”

2A. THE **METHOD** OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH - 14-15

1B. The **ILLUSTRATION** God used - 14

“as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness” cf. *Numbers 21:5-9*

“*serpent*” - fitting symbol - *Genesis 3* - reminds us of the curse - cf. *Gal. 3:13*

“*brass*” - symbol of Divine judgment *John 12:31*

“*Look and Live*”

1C. Death – a punishment for sin

2C. God provided the remedy

3C. Something must be lifted up in public view

4C. Believing hearts who look to what is lifted up, are healed

Differences: Physical vs. Spiritual – Symbol vs. reality

*"HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?"*

*Message No. 7 John 3:9-21*

- 2B. The **IMPERATIVE** of Christ's death  
"even so **MUST** the Son of Man be lifted up (cross)"  
"*lifted up*" cf. "*exalt*" in *Acts 2:33; Phil. 2:9* - cf. *John 12:32-33*
- 3B. The **ISSUE** involved - 15  
"*should not perish but have eternal life*" "*Believe*" 98 times in John.
- 3A. THE **MOTIVE** OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH - 16  
"*loved the world*"
- 1B. The **PROOF** of God's love  
"He gave His only-begotten Son" cf. *1 John 3:16; 4:9-10; Rom. 5:8*
- 2B. The **PREREQUISITE** to experiencing God's love  
"*whoever believes in Him*" "*the world*" – a new concept – they knew only that God loved His people.
- 3B. The **PROMISE** of God's love  
"*should not perish but have everlasting life*" – appears 17 times in the Gospel of John; 6 times in 1 John – always with the noun "life".
- 4A. THE **MISSION** OF GOD REQUIRES FAITH - 17-21  
"*might be saved*"
- 1C. His **Purpose**  
"not...to condemn...but ... saved"
- 2C. His **Promise**  
"he who believes in Him. is not condemned" - cf. *Romans 8:1*
- 3C. Our **Problem**  
"He who does not believe is condemned already."
- 4C. Our **Practice**  
"Practicing evil vs. "does the truth"

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 8

**“HE IS ABOVE ALL”**

*John 3:22-36*

Seen in several ways:

## 1A. IN THE REASONING OF JOHN ABOUT BAPTISM - 22-28

- 1B. The PLACE where he was baptizing - 22-24  
Aenon – “*spring*” or “*fountain*” - Salim – “*peace*”  
“*much water there*” cf. *Acts 9:35-39*

Baptism was a Jewish ceremonial cleansing of the whole body.

- 2B. The PROBLEM that arose - 25-26  
Dead sea scrolls – show great interest in ceremonial purification.

1C. A Conflict with Jewish leadership over purification - 25

2C. A Concern over the growing influence of Jesus - 26  
Cf. *Acts 19:1-7* They were re-baptized.

- 3B. The POINT John emphasized - 27  
We are all placed by God where He wants, and do what He wants us to do.

4B. The PURPOSE of John was clear – 28 cf. *John 1:25-27*

## 2A. THE REJOICING OF JOHN OVER THE BRIDEGROOM - 29-30 *Matt. 22:1-14; 25:1-13; Eph. 5:32; Rev. 19:7-9*

Bride and Bridegroom – 1. Love. 2. Commitment.

- 1B. The RELATIONSHIP of John to the Bridegroom  
“*friend... who stands and hears him*” - best man - like a wedding coordinator– arranged the wedding and took care of the details.

2B. The RESPONSE which John had over the Bridegroom’s voice  
“*rejoices greatly*”  
“*this joy of mine is fulfilled*” - Hebrew - “*to the full*”

- 3B. The REALIZATION of John’s importance, when compared to the Lord - 30  
Only one “*must*” in the text. Jesus must increase – John “*is*” decreasing.

*"HE IS ABOVE ALL"*

*Message No. 8 - John 3:22-36*

3A. IN THE **REMARKS** OF JOHN ABOUT BELIEVING IN JESUS-31-36

1B. As to His **POSITION** - 31

1C. **Sovereignty** - "*over all*" cf. *Psa. 103:19*

2C. **Superiority** - "*above all*" cf. *Eph. 1:20-23*

2B. As to His **PREACHING** - 32-33

Jesus' testimony that He is the Son of God

God's testimony – "*thou art my beloved Son*" *John 1:34* cf. *1 John 5:10*

3B. As to His **POWER** - 34-35

*"all things in His hand"* – *6:37; 13:3; 17:2*

4B. As to His **PURPOSE** – 36

Cf. *1:29; 34* Wrath, Orge

*"does not believe"* is not the normal word for believe but literally means "is not persuaded".

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 9

“LIVING WATER”

John 4:1-26

1A. THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** THAT LED TO THE INTERVIEW WITH A SAMARITAN WOMAN - 1-6

1B. The **PRESSURE** from the Pharisees - 1-3  
“*when the Lord knew*”

2B. The **PURPOSE** He had - 4  
“*he must needs go through Samaria*” cf. 3:7, 14, 30; 4:24; 9:4; 10:16

Not geographical, there was another route, but a spiritual reason cf. *Acts 1:8*.

Other reasons for departing from Galilee. *Matt. 4:12; Luke 4:14*.

3B. The **PLACE** where He stopped - 5-7a

The shaft of Jacob’s well – 100 ft. deep.

Shechem means “*portion*”. Shechem – burial place of bones of Joseph  
*Gen. 50:25:26* cf. *Joshua 24:32*

Shechem is in Ephraim, the portion of land belonging to one of Joseph’s sons.

In 722 b.c. Assyria conquered the 10 northern tribes of Israel and intermarried with them, then subsequently planted them back in the land.

The two southern tribes of Israel then considered these people half-breeds.

When the Jews came back from the Babylonian captivity to rebuild Jerusalem, it was the Samaritans, under the leadership of a man names Sanballat, who opposed the Jews in their building project.

Sanballat built a Temple on Mt. Gerizim which was destroyed by John Hyrcanus, a great Jewish leader, in 129 b.c.

Samaritans argue that Abraham offered Isaac on Mt. Gerizim

Abraham (*Gen. 12:7*) and Jacob (*Gen. 33:20*) built altars at Shechem.

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3B. The PLACE where He stopped - 5-7a

1C. The Physical reason

*"being wearied from His journey"* *"the sixth hour"* - noon, Jewish time  
6:00 p.m. – Roman time.

In middle eastern culture they would open up the shops between 4 and 8 p.m. The disciples went to buy bread.

2C. The Historical reason

*"Sychar"* cf. *Gen. 33:18-20*

SHECKER – *"falsehood"* – city of liars.

SCHEKAR – Liquor – city of drunkards. Cf. *Isa. 28:1*

3C. The Spiritual reason

*"a woman of Samaria came to draw water"* - 7a

**Rabbi Eliezer**: "If any man gives his daughter a knowledge of the law, it is as though he taught her lechery."

**Rabbi Jose Ben Johanan of Jerusalem**: "he that talks much with womankind brings evil on himself and neglects the study of the law and at last will inherit Gehenna."

Ancient Prayer: "Blessed art thou O Lord...Who has not made me a woman".

*Matthew 27:55*: "And many woman...who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him".

*Luke 8:2-3*: "And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance."

2A. THE CONVERSATION OF JESUS WITH A SAMARITAN WOMAN THAT RESULTED IN HER CONVERSION - 7-26

1B. The APPROACH of Jesus - 7-8

*"Give Me a drink"* - She knew by the way he asked, he was a Jew.

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- 2B. The **ANXIETY** of the woman - 9  
Jews would not drink out of the same cup or eat out of the same dish.  
  
Rabbi's – To eat bread with a Samaritan was like eating swine's flesh.  
  
cf. *John 8:48* "thou art a Samaritan and hast a demon"
- 3B. The **ANSWER** of Jesus about living water - 10-15  
  
Cf. *Rev. 7:16 - Jn. 7:37*; - feast of Tabernacles – no water in the desert
- 1C. His **CHALLENGE** - 10
- 1D. About what she understood  
        Samaritans called the water from this well "*living water*".
- 2D. About what she could have if she understood  
        "*the gift of God*" – cf. *Rom. 6:23; Isa. 55:1*
- 2C. Her **CONFUSION** - 11-12
- 1D. Over the water
- 2D. Over His claim
- 3C. His **COMMENTS** - 13-14
- 1D. The **failure** of water from Jacob's well - 13
- 2D. The **facts** about living water - 14
- 1E. Shall never thirst – double negative in Greek.
- 2E. Will become a fountain bringing everlasting life
- 4C. Her **CONCERN** to have this water - 15
- 4B. His **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** of her past - 16-18
- 1C. Jesus' Request

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- 2C. The **Response** of the woman
  
- 3C. The **Revelation** Jesus gives
  
- 5B. Her immediate **ATTITUDE** toward what He knew about her past – 19-20  
She tried to avoid the issue by ringing up her religion.
  - 1C. Her **Evaluation** of Him
  
  - 2C. Her **Estimation** of “*holy*” sites  
When we won’t want to face our sins, we often do what this woman did.
  
- 6B. His **ADMONITION** about worship - 21-24
  - 1C. The **Prediction** He made - 21  
True worship does not center in a place, but in a Person – God.
  
  - 2C. The **Problem** she had - 22
  
  - 3C. The **Purpose** of worship - 23-24
  
- 7B. Her **ATTEMPT** to delay a response - 25-26  
“*I am He*” – claim to be the Messiah. Cf. *John 20:31*
  - 1C. Her **Anticipation** of the coming Messiah
  
  - 2C. Her **Awareness** of the wisdom He will bring
  
  - 3C. The **Answer** of Jesus that amazed her

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 10

## “LOOK AT THE FIELDS”

John 4:27-42

- 1A. THE **WAY** GOD USES ONE PERSON TO REACH OTHERS - 27-30
  - 1B. Seen in the **REACTION** of His disciples - 27  
Rabbis: “Let no one talk with a woman in the street, no not with his own wife”  
  
“*marveled*” - imperfect - were continuing to marvel
  - 2B. Seen in the **RESPONSE** - of the woman - 28-29  
“*left her waterpot*” - cf. *Matt. 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11; 9:57-62*  
  
“*the men*” - the ones she knew
  - 3B. Seen in the **RETURN** of the men of the city to the Lord - 30
- 2A. THE **WILL** GOD WANTS ALL OF US TO FOLLOW - 31-38  
“*urged*” - kept beseeching Him
  - 1B. The **OBJECTIVE** is clear - 34  
“*to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work*”  
  
cf. *John 17:4; 19:30; 20:21*
  - 2B. The **OPPORTUNITIES** are all around us - 35  
*John 4:35* - Look at the fields *Matt. 9:38* - Pray for laborers *Mark 16:15*  
  
Go into all the world *Matt. 28:19* - Make disciples of all nations  
  
“*four months*” - proverb (Gezer chronicle) - from end of sowing to beginning of harvest - unable to do anything.
  - 3B. The **OUTCOME** is guaranteed - 36-38
    - 1C. In terms of **ETERNITY** - 36a
    - 2C. In terms of **EQUALITY** - 36b - cf. *1 Cor. 3:4-8*
    - 3C. In terms of **EFFORT** - 37-38

*"LOOK AT THE FIELDS"*

*Message No. 10 John 4:27-42*

3A. THE **WORD** GOD WANTS US TO SHARE WITH THE WORLD - 39-42

1B. Seen in the **TESTIMONY** of the woman - 39

2B. Seen in the **TIME** He spent with them - 40

3B. Seen in the **TRUST** they put in His own Word - 41-42

1C. It was **Personal**  
*"we ourselves have heard Him"*

2C. It was **Powerful**  
*"this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world"*

*cf. 1 Timothy 4:10: 1 John 4:14*

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 11

## “YOUR SON LIVES”

*John 4:43-54*

Purpose of book - *John 20:30-31* - the “*signs*” include the changing of water to wine, and now the second sign that Jesus did in Galilee to prove that He is the Messiah - cf. *4:54* with *4:45* - He did many things in Jerusalem as well - cf. *21:25*.

Notice seven things about the events surrounding this miracle:

1A. THE RECEPTION OF JESUS IN GALILEE - 43-45

“*after the two days*” - cf. *4:40*

1B. The COMMENT about “*his own country*” - 44

Used six times in gospels, refers to Nazareth - Cf. *Matt. 13:54, 57-58; Mark 6:1; Luke 4:23-30*

2B. The CAUSE behind their reception - 45

Cf. *John 2:23; 3:2; 6:2; 7:31; 9:16; 11:47; 12:37*

2A. THE REQUEST OF A CERTAIN NOBLEMAN - 46-47

1B. The CIRCUMSTANCES behind it - 46

(Was this the “*master of the feast*” at the wedding in Cana?)

2B. The CONCERN of the Noblemen – 47

“*implored Him ... he was at the point of death*”

3A. THE REACTION OF JESUS - 48

Cf. *Matthew 12:38-39; 16:1-4; Mark 8:11-12* “*you*” - plural

4A. THE REASON THE NOBLEMAN WAS DESPERATE - 49

“*Come down before my child dies*”

5A. THE RESULT WHICH JESUS CAUSED BY HIS WORD - 50

“*Go your way; your son lives*”

6A. THE REPORT OF THE SERVANTS AS TO THE TIME OF THE MIRACLE -

51-52 - “*at the seventh hour*”

7A. THE RESPONSE OF THE NOBLEMAN - 53

“*he himself believed, and his whole household*” cf. *Acts 16:30-34*

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*Message No. 12*  
**“TAKE UP YOUR BED AND WALK”**  
*John 5:1-15*

Notice seven things about this miracle:

1A. THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** BEHIND THIS MIRACLE - 1-5

1B. The **PLACE** where it took place –1-2

Bethesda - house of mercy

“Jerusalem ... by the Sheep Gate”

“a feast of the Jews” brought Jesus to Jerusalem

Three feasts were required - *Deut. 16:16-17*

Some say it is a Passover, but more likely it is Pentecost cf. **2:13**.

John usually mentions the Passover.

Sheep Gate - gate through which the sacrificial animals were taken

Built by the priests - *Nehemiah 3:1*

2B. The **POOL** which had healing power

v. 4 - many manuscripts do not contain the last phrase of *verse 3* and all of *verse 4*, but the phrase “*the water is stirred up*” does appear in *verse 7* without any MSS variations.

3B. The **PEOPLE** who needed to be healed – 3-5

“*a great multitude of sick people*”

“*sick*” - 86 times - impotent/without strength cf. **4:46-47; 5:3, 7; 6:2;**

Cf. **11:1-3, 6** – Lazarus. **Acts 9:37** – Dorcus. **Phil. 2:26-27** – Epaphroditus.  
**James 5:14.**

1. Weak in the faith – **Rom. 4:19; 14:1**

2. Weak in flesh – **Matt. 26:41; Rom. 6:19**

3. Weak in conscience – **1 Cor. 8:7, 10**

4. Weak in body – **2 Cor. 10:10; 1 Cor. 15:43**

5. Weak in prayer – **Rom. 8:26**

“blind, lame, paralyzed (withered)” they were “*waiting*”

“A certain man who had an infirmity 38 years - 5

*"TAKE UP THY BED AND WALK"*

*Message No. 12 - John 5:1-15*

2A. THE COMPASSION OF JESUS CHRIST - 6

*Heb. 4:15* – “sympathize with our weaknesses.

Seen in high priests – *Heb. 5:1-2*

1B. He “*saw him*” among a crowd

2B. He “*knew*” about his condition

3B. He invited him to receive healing  
“*Do you want to be made well?*”

3A. THE CONCERN OF THE MAN - 7

No one to care; no one to help

4A. THE COMMAND OF JESUS CHRIST - 8

*2 Cor. 12:9* – His strength made perfect in our weakness

Tested his faith and obedience

Cf. *Matt. 8:17* – “*He Himself took our infirmities*” – weakness.

5A. THE CONSEQUENCE - 9

“*immediately*” cf. *Luke 5:12-15; 8:1-2; 13:10-13*

“*that day was the Sabbath*”

6A. THE CHARGE OF THE JEWS - 10-13

1B. Their ARGUMENT - 10

A violation of the 4th commandment. *Nehemiah 13:15-19*

& *Jeremiah 17:21-22* (carrying no burden on the Sabbath)

Does it refer to carrying merchandise?

2B. His ANSWER - 11-13

7A. THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST - 14-15

1B. He FOUND him - 14a

2B. He FACED him with the root cause of his illness - 14b

a warning about being presumptuous once God has healed cf. *8:11*

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 13

“EQUAL WITH GOD”

*John 5:16-47*

1A. THE EQUALITY OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER - 16-18

1B. The CAUSE behind their hostility - 16  
“*persecuted*” – imperfect “*had done*” – imperfect

2B. The COMMENTS of Jesus - 17

3B. The CHARGES that they brought against Him - 18

1C. Breaking the Sabbath

2C. Blasphemy against God

2A. THE EXTENT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER – 19-23

1B. In the ABILITY to do miracles - 19-20  
“*greater works*” - resurrection

2B. In the ACT of resurrection - 21

3B. In the ADMINISTRATION of judgment - 22

4B. In the ADORATION of all people - 23

3A. THE EFFECTS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP UPON US - 24-30

1B. As to the CONDITION for eternal life - 24

1C. The Prerequisites

1D. Hears My word – *Rom. 10:17*

2D. Believes in Him who sent Me – *Acts 16:31*

2C. The Promises

1D. Has everlasting life – *John 3:16*

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2D. Shall not come into judgment – **Rom. 8:1**

3D. Has passed from death to life

2B. As to the **CHARACTER** of Judgment and the resurrection - 25-29

1C. The **Nearness** of it - 25

*"the hour"* – spiritual regeneration

2C. The **Nature** of the Son's role - 26-27

*"life in Himself"* – cf. *Jn. 1:4* *"The son of man"*

1D. Humanity

2D. Messiah – *Dan. 7:13-14*

3C. The **Necessity** of two resurrections - 28-29

POIEO - the accomplishment

PRASSO - the process

"the ones having done (aorist – POIEO) the good" – resurrection of life.

"the ones having practiced (PRASSO) – the evil" – resurrection of condemnation.

Evil - (PHAULOS) bad; worthless; trivial things, ignoring the best things.

Cf. *Rev. 20:4-5*

4A. THE **EVIDENCE** OF THIS RELATIONSHIP - 30-47

1B. The **PROBLEM** of evidence - 30-32

Cf. *Deut. 17:6; Num. 35:30*

2B. The **PROOF** behind this evidence – 33-47

1C. The **Witness** of John the Baptist - 33-35

*"lamp"* luchnos – not *"light"* - phos

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- 2C. The **Works** of Jesus - 36
  
- 3C. The **Will** of the Father - 37-38
  - 1D. Through the prophets – OT times
  
  - 2D. Through His baptism – *Mark. 1:11*
  
- 4C. The **Words** of Scripture - 39-47
  - 1D. **Convincing** us of the Messiah – 39-44  
Cf. *Luke 24:27 v. 42* – “*another comes*” - antichrist  
*v.43* - “*in my Father’s name*” cf. *10:25; 12:28; 17:5, 11, 21, 24, 25*
  
  - 2D. **Convicting** us of unbelief – 45-47  
*v.45* – “*trust*” – hope cf. *Deut. 18:15-18*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 14*  
**“FEEDING FIVE THOUSAND”**  
*John 6:1-14*

1A. THE **FACTS** BEHIND THIS MIRACLE - 1-4

Only miracle recorded in all four gospels – besides the resurrection.

Also the largest group of people.

*“After these things”*

1B. The **PLACE** - 1, 3

*“Sea of Galilee” “on a mountain”* he *“sat”* – was sitting – to relax.

*Cf. Matt. 14:10-15; Mark 6:28-31; Luke 9:9-11*

2B. The **PURPOSE** of the multitude - 2

5,000 men – woman and children not required to attend Passover.

3B. The **PASSOVER** - 4

2A. THE **FINDING** OF BREAD - 5-9

1B. The **SOLUTION** of Philip - 5-7

Philip was raised in the area.

1C. The **REASON** for the question - 6a

To test Philip – the analytical one.

*Cf. John 1:43* - Jesus finds Philip

*Cf. John 12:20-27; 14:8-9*

2C. The **RESULTS** were known to Jesus - 6b

3C. The **REACTION** of Philip - 7

2B. The **SECRET** of Andrew - 8-9

3B. The **SUBMISSION** of the lad - 9

*“lad”* – paidaron – very small boy. *“Fishes”* – opsaria – pickled fish

*“barley”* – food for animals. *2 Cor. 9:10-11*

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*Message No. 14 - John 6:1-14*

3A. THE **FEEDING** OF THE FIVE THOUSAND - 10-13

He had compassion on their physical hunger.

- 1B. It **DEMANDED** faith and obedience to the Savior's instructions  
God uses what we give Him. *2 Cor. 8:12*

*"given thanks"*

"Blessed are Thou Jehovah our God, King of the world who causes to come forth bread from heaven."

- 2B. It **DEMONSTRATED** the power and resources of our Lord  
*"filled"* – to fill up/completely. cf. *6:26* were used of fattening animals.

*Cf. 1 Kings 17:9-16*

- 3B. It **DISPLAYED** the love and concern of our Lord for His disciples  
*"nothing is lost"* – cf. *6:39*

4A. THE **FAITH** THEY EXPERIENCED - 14

They wanted to make Him king. *v. 15* But the cross comes before the crown.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 15*  
**“THE WORK AND WILL OF GOD”**  
*John 6:15-40*

1A. HE **CHALLENGED** HIS DISCIPLES TO TRUST HIM - 15-21  
*Matt. 14:23 – “to pray” – “He was alone there”*

1B. They **RESPONDED** to the storm by trying to get away from it - 18  
*v.18 “sea arose” – to wake up thoroughly”*

2B. They **REACTED** with fear seeing Jesus walking on the water - 19  
*Mark 6:48-50*

3B. Jesus **REASSURED** them that His presence meant no cause for fear - 20  
*“It is I” – “I am”.*

4B. They **RECEIVED** Him willingly - 21  
When we receive Him willingly, the storm will end!

*Mark 6:51 “the wind ceased”*

2A. HE **CONFRONTED** THE PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR MOTIVES IN SEEKING HIM - 22-29

*v. 24 – “came to Capernaum seeking Jesus”. Cf. 6:5a – Sabbath Day.  
Four times Jesus said: “most assuredly” or “verily, verily”. cf. vv. 26, 32, 47, 53*

Notice four things:

1B. The **REASON** they had for wanting to find Jesus - 26  
*Mark 6:52 - disciples*

2B. The **REALITY** of eternal life which they should be seeking - 27  
*“seal” Rabbi’s – seal of God is truth – legend of a scroll that fell from heaven with one word on it – “truth”. Emeth – 3 letters – aleph, mem (middle letter) and tav (last letter).*

3B. The **REQUEST** they had - 28  
To know what to do to get eternal life.

4B. The **REPLY** of Jesus - 29

*"THE WORK AND WILL OF GOD"*

*Message No. 15 - John 6:15-47*

- 3A. HE **CONTRASTED** HIS WORK WITH MOSES AND THE MANNA – 30-33  
Widely held belief that Jeremiah hid the jar of manna and when the Messiah came, He would reveal Himself by producing the hidden manna. Cf. *Rev. 2:17*.

Notice four things:

- 1B. The **PROOF** they wanted - 30
- 2B. The **PAST** they trusted - 31  
1<sup>st</sup>. redeemer (Moses) brought manna from heaven.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Redeemer (Messiah) will cause manna to fall.
- 3B. The **PROVISION** came from God, not Moses - 32  
*"true bread"* – genuine.
- 4B. The **PERSON** Who gives life to the world - 33  
*"comes down"* – heavenly origin – used 7 times: *6:33, 38, 41, 42, 50, 51, 58*.
- 4A. HE **COMMENTED** ON THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE WILL OF THE FATHER - 34-40
- 1B. He **PROCLAIMED** Himself to be the Bread of Life - 34-36  
*"comes to me"* – *"believes in me"* cf. *7:37-38* (thirst)
- 2B. He **PRESENTED** the Father's will as the sovereign controlling factor in all He said and did - 37-39
- The father chooses – *1 Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4*.  
The Father draws – *6:44*.  
The Father gives – *6:32, 37* (Christ to us, us to Christ).
- 3B. He **PROMISED** eternal life and bodily resurrection to all who believe - 40

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 16*  
**“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”**  
*John 6:41-59*

- 1A. THE **PROBLEM** OF THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP - 41-42  
“*murmured*” - in LXX - Israel murmuring in the wilderness  
Same word in *1 Cor. 10:10*.

They questioned His remarks about His divine origin and coming into the world.

- 2A. THE **PROOF** JESUS GIVES TO THEM - 43-46

1B. He **REBUKES** - them for their grumbling - 43  
(gogguzo)

2B. He **RESPONDS** by emphasizing the Father’s role and His resurrection power - 44

What does it mean to be drawn? Two words: drag or draw.  
*LXX Song of Solomon 1:4 Jeremiah 31:3*

Used of drawing a net - *John 21:6, 11* - Drawing a sword - *John 18:10*  
*Acts 16:19; 21:30; James 2:6*

3B. He **REFERS** to the prophecy of *Isaiah -54:13* - 45

4B. He **REMINDS** them of His unique relationship to the Father - 46

- 3A. THE **PROVISION** OF EVERLASTING LIFE WHICH HE OFFERS - 47-51

1B. The **CONDITION** for receiving it  
“*he who believes in Me*”

2B. The **CHARACTER** of the Bread

1C. As to its **Source**  
“*comes down from heaven*” (repeated 7 times)

2C. As to His **Sacrifice**  
“*My flesh which I shall give for the life of the world*”  
2 words for eat: Sacrificial meal (aorist) normal eating (Present).

3B. The **CONSEQUENCE** a person will experience - “*will live forever*”

*"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"*

*Message No. 16 - John 6:41-59*

4A. THE **PERPLEXITY** THEY EXPERIENCE OVER HIS REMARKS ABOUT EATING HIS FLESH - 52-59

1B. It is a **NECESSITY** - 53

2B. It is a **PROMISE** - 54

3B. It is an **ILLUSTRATION** - 55

4B. It is a **RELATIONSHIP** - 56

5B. It is a **DEPENDENCY** - 57

6B. It is a **CONTRAST** - 58

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 17

## “BELIEF OR BETRAYAL”

*John 6:60-71*

Three Groups:

1. The unbelieving majority
2. The believing minority
3. Professing apostates

Notice the following seven things:

1A. THE **CONCERN** OF HIS DISCIPLES - 60

*“hard saying”* -- (root - *“to dry”*)

1B. I came down from heaven – mentioned 7 times

2B. They will come to God only if He calls – 37, 44

3B. Eat my flesh and drink my blood

2A. THE **CHALLENGE** OF JESUS TO THEIR MURMURING - 61-63

1B. He **REBUKED** them for their lack of faith - 61-62

Cf. *Jn. 16:1*. *“offend”* – trapping birds or animals.

The noun – skandalon – refers to a stick that props it open. Verb *“to trigger the trap”*.

2B. He **REMINDED** them of the WORK of the Holy Spirit - 61

*“It is the Spirit who gives life”* - cf. *Titus 3:5*

3B. He **REFERRED** to the weakness of the flesh

*“profits nothing”* *Mt. 26:41* – *“weak”* unto death - cf. *Rom. 8:3*

4B. He **REVEALED** the nature of His Word - 63

Cf. *James 1:18*; *1 Peter 1:23*; *2 Peter 1:4, 20-21*; *Heb 4:12*

3A. THE **CAUSE** BEHIND THEIR RESPONSE – 64

*“do not believe”*

4A. THE **CHOICE** OF GOD THAT AFFECTED THEIR RESPONSE - 65

*"BELIEF OR BETRAYAL"*

*Message No. 17 - John 6:60-71*

5A. THE CONSEQUENCE WHICH RESULTED - 66

6A. THE CONFESSION OF SIMON PETER - 67-69

*"you don't also want to go away, do you?"*

7A. THE CHARACTER OF JUDAS ISCARIOT - 70-71

Judas – from Judah – *"prince"*

Iscaiot – man of Karioth (town of Judah – *Joshua 15:25.*)

The only disciple not from Galilee.

Judea – most hostile to Jesus – His own tribe. *Gen. 49:10*

Cf. *Jn. 13:2, 27; 17:12.* Cf. *Matt. 27:3-10; Acts 1:16-26*

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 18

## “IS THIS THE MESSIAH?”

*John 7:1-31*

### 1A. THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT BROUGHT HIM TO JERUSALEM - 1-13

- 1B. The PLOTTING by the Jewish leadership to kill him – 1  
This caused him to reduce his public appearances in Judea.

Cf. *5:18; 7:19, 25; 8:37, 40, 59; 10:31; 11:53*

- 2B. The PREREQUISITE of the Mosaic law  
They must attend the Feast of Tabernacles cf. *Deut. 16:13-17*  
Harvest festival/rejoicing cf. *Lev. 23:33-43*

- 3B. The PURPOSE of His unbelieving brothers caused Him to delay going to  
Jerusalem - 3-9

*Psa. 69:8* “I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my  
mother’s children” cf. *Mark 3:20-21 v. 5* – imperfect – “*were not believing*”

*v. 4* – “*openly*” and *v. 10*.

*v. 6* – “*time*” *kairos* – only here in John – *hora* – appointed hour.

- 4B. The PEOPLE at the feast looked for Him and debated about him - 10-13  
*v. 10* – “*in secret*” – rather than public celebration. *v. 11* – “*kept seeking*”.

### 2A. THE CONFLICT WITH THE JEWISH LEADERS THAT OCCURRED AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES - 14-24

Fear – *v. 13* – cf. *9:22; 12:42; 19:38*

- 1B. They ATTACKED him because He lacked formal training - 15

- 2B. Jesus ANSWERED them by revealing the secret to His authority - 16-18

1C. It was not His doctrine, but the Father’s - 16

2C. Its source could be known by those who want to do the Father’s will - 17

3C. His motive should clarify the source of His message - 18

*"IS THIS THE MESSIAH?"*

*Message No. 18 - John 7:1-31*

- 3B. Jesus **ASKED** them about their lifestyle and motive - 19  
Breaking the sixth commandment – *"kill"*.
- 4B. The people **ACCUSED** him of having a demon - 20
- 5B. Jesus **ATTRIBUTED** their attacks and accusations to his healing on the Sabbath Day - 21-24

Rabbi Eliezer – *"If circumcision, which concerns one of a man's 248 limbs, displaces the sabbath, how much more must a man's whole body displace the sabbath"*.

3A. THE **CONCERN** OF THE PEOPLE OVER THE ATTEMPT TO KILL HIM AND OVER HIS TRUE IDENTITY - 25-31

- 1B. His **BOLDNESS** impressed them - 25-26  
Cf. *v. 48*
- 2B. His **BACKGROUND** confused them - 27-29
- 3B. Their **BELIEFS** divided them - 30-31  
Cf. *20:31*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 19*  
**“RIVERS OF LIVING WATER”**  
*John 7:32-53*

1A. THE **COMING** OF THE TEMPLE POLICE - 32-36

1B. The **PURPOSE** behind their mission - 32

*“Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him”*

2B. The **PREDICTION** which Jesus gave to them - 33

3B. The **PROBLEM** which Jesus said they would face - 34

*Cf. Proverbs 1:28 and Isaiah 55:6-11*

4B. The **PERPLEXITY** which they experienced - 35-36

*“Dispersion” (DIASPORA) - Jews who lived away from Israel - used in James 1:1 and 1 Peter 1:1.*

2A. THE **CHALLENGE** OF JESUS AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES - 37-39

*Lev. 23:33-43 – Rabbinic saying “He that has never seen the joy of the water-drawing, has never in his life seen joy”.*

1B. The **IMPORTANCE** of the occasion

Jewish custom was for the priest to draw water from the pool of Siloam and carry it to the temple to pour out in a basin beside the altar, symbolizing the provision of water in the wilderness that came from rock which Moses struck!

He does that 6 days. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day he does it 7 times. They march around the altar 7 times. Seven day feast – 8<sup>th</sup> day is another Sabbath. 8<sup>th</sup> day the candelabra is light in the court of the woman.

A prayer for rain - Rabbi Akiba “why has the Torah commanded: pour out water on the feast of tabernacles? – The Holy One, Blessed be He, has commanded: pour out water before me on the feast of tabernacles, in order that the rain may bless you.” *Zech. 14:16-17.*

*Isa. 12:3.* “Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation”

*Psa. 118:26.* “*Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.*”

2B. The **INVITATION** Jesus gave - 37

*“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink” 1 Cor. 10:1-4*

*“RIVERS OF LIVING WATER”*

*Message No. 19 - John 7:32-53*

- 3B. The **IMPERATIVE** of believing in Him – 38a  
*“He who believes in Me”*
- 1C. The **PROOF** of Scripture – 38b  
*Isaiah 12:3; 44:3; 55:1; 58:11*
- 2C. The **PROMISE** of rivers of living water  
*“out of his heart”* – tree usages:
1. Organ of nourishment = stomach.
  2. Organ of reproduction = womb
  3. Synonym for innermost part of the body = heart.
- 4B. The **INSTRUCTION** about the Holy Spirit - 39  
*1 Corinthians 10:1-4*
- 3A. THE **CONFUSION** OF THE PEOPLE - 40-44
- 1B. They **DEBATED** over His identity based on His background - 40-42  
*“the prophet” – Deut. 18:15-19*
- 2B. They **DIVIDED** from each other over Him - 43  
*“division” – schisma – “to rend” (torn apart)*
- 3B. Some **DETERMINED** to capture Him - 44
- 4A. THE **CONTROVERSY** IN THE SANHEDRIN - 45-53
- 1B. The **REPORT** of the temple police incited them - 45-46  
*“no man ever spoke like this man spoke” – cf. Matt. 7:28-29*
- 2B. Their **RESISTANCE** to Jesus was made quite clear - 47-49  
*v. 48 – “is there a single one of the rulers”*
- 3B. The **RESPONSE** of Nicodemus frustrated them - 50-53  
No prophet out of Galilee? What about Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Jonah, Hosea, Nahum?

Reference is no doubt to *“the Prophet”* that Moses spoke of nowhere was it predicted that He would come out of Galilee.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 20*  
**“WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT ADULTERY”**  
*John 8:1-11*

It is possible that this event happened on the 8th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, a “holy convocation” according to *Leviticus 23:36*.

Some manuscripts leave out the verses of *John 7:53* to *8:11*; King James includes the story and there are good reasons to believe that it belongs in the text:

1. The contents are consistent with the rest of Scripture and what we know about Jesus Christ. (Internal argument)

2. Story is cited in the 3rd century

APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS as biblical grounds for accepting penitents who had been disciplined by the church.

3. Considered authentic by church fathers, such as Jerome, Ambrose, & Augustine.

4. Augustine says some texts omitted the story because the transcribers were “weak in faith,” fearing that their wives would use it to justify immorality.

1A. **ATMOSPHERE** INTO WHICH THE WOMAN BROUGHT - 1-2  
*7:53* - “everyone went to his own house”  
*8:1* - “Jesus went to the Mount of Olives”

Nowhere to lay his head (*Lk. 9:58*)

“all the people came to Him”

2A. THE **ACCUSATION** THAT WAS MADE BY THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES  
8:3-5

1B. Based on the **PROOF** they had  
“a woman caught in adultery, in the very act”

Sounds like it was a set-up.

With so many people living in tents and coming from other countries, the possibility for such a situation was ever-present, and easy to catch someone in the very act.

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- 2B. Based on the **PUNISHMENT** of the O.T. law  
*Deut. 22:20-29; Lev. 20:10* (contrast: Joseph, *Matt. 1:19*)

Jews usually punished adultery by strangulation. Why did they not bring the man as well - it takes two persons to commit adultery.

- 3A. THEIR **ATTEMPT** TO TEST JESUS - 8:6A

If He condemned her and called for her execution, He would never again be known as the friend of sinners

Also, He would be placing Himself against Rome, which did not allow the Jews to practice capital punishment for infractions of Jewish law - (cf. *John 18:31*).

If He condoned her act, He would be upholding her sin and opposing the law of Moses.

They saw it as a no-win situation for Jesus.

- 4A. THE **ACTION** JESUS TOOK - 8:6B

"stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear."

The act reminded them of the giving of the Law - cf. *James 4:12* and *Exodus 31:1*,  
The word "wrote" (Greek - KATEGRAPHEN) means "to write against"

What did He write? (Five views)

- 1B. The sins of the accusers

Armenian N.T. "He Himself, bowing His head, was writing with His finger on the earth to declare their sins; and they were seeing their several sins on the stones."

- 2B. The seventh commandment - *Ex. 20:14*

- 3B. The name of the man who did it with her would reveal His knowledge of the plot.

- 4B. Words about God's mercy and forgiveness

- 5B. Nothing - just doodling - cf. *8:8*

“WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT ADULTERY”

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5A. THE **ANSWER** JESUS GAVE - 8:7-8

He dealt with their motivations, not with the fact of adultery needing to be punished.

He may have implied that some of them were guilty of adultery or even with that same woman

Adultery and infidelity were so common in that day - they believed that it was OK for men to do it, but not for women - hypocrisy and double standard.

6A. THE **AFFECT** UPON THE ACCUSERS - 8:9

The departure and the way they departed implies their guilt and wrong motivations. “convicted by their conscience”

“beginning with the oldest” - might imply greater amount of shining, or the fact that age was wiser to the difficulty now confronting them by the response and knowledge of Jesus.

7A. THE **ACCEPTANCE** OF THE WOMAN BY JESUS - 8:10-11

1B. His **RELUCTANCE** to leave her - 9b-10

He had a right then to accuse her. He was not ashamed to be in her presence and to deal with her in her time of need. This was no time to shun her nor to condemn her - she had already been exposed publicly for her sin.

2B. Her **RECOGNITION** of His authority

“no one, LORD”

cf. *v. 4* - leaders called Him - “teacher” but not “Lord”

CF. *3:2* - cf. *Romans 10:9-10*

3B. His **REFUSAL** To condemn her - 11a

Not based on compromise with sin, but upon love and forgiveness

*John 3:16-18; Rom. 8:1*

4B. Her **RESPONSIBILITY** before God – 17:1b

“go and sin no more”

*v. 20* - spoken in the treasury (or court of the women) - golden candelabra were ceremonially lit during the Feast of Tabernacles as reminders of the pillar of fire which led them in the wilderness.

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*Message No. 21*  
**“THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”**  
*John 8:12-29*

V. 20 - spoken in the treasury (or court of the women) - golden candelabra were ceremonially lit during the Feast of Tabernacles as reminders of the pillar of fire which led them in the wilderness. The lights are seen throughout the city.

1A. THE **CLAIM** WHICH JESUS CHRIST MADE - 12-20

1B. The **REALITY** of what He claimed - 3

1C. The world is in darkness and needs light - *1 John 5:19* - cf. *Isa. 9:2*

2C. The light of Christ is sufficient for the whole world

3C. Jesus is the promised Messiah  
Cf. *Isa. 42:6; 49:6; 60:1-3* cf. Simeon - *Luke 2:32*

4C. Jesus is God and without sin - *1 John 1:5*

2B. The **RESULTS** if you follow Him:

1C. “shall not walk in darkness (sin)”  
Cf. *Col. 1:13-14; 1 John 1:7*

2C. “have the light of life” - *Jn. 1:4, 9*

3B. The **REACTION** of the Pharisees - 13

“Your witness is not true (reliable)” - because He seems to be the only one giving a witness - A man’s testimony to his own character was not considered valuable or reliable. Cf. *John 5:31* and *Proverbs 27:2*

4B. The **REALIZATION** that His testimony is reliable - 14-19

1C. He knew the truth and they did not - 14

2C. They judged according to the flesh - 15 (external appearance)  
“*I judge no one*” - in that way His judgment is based on different criteria  
- not outward appearance - *1 Sam. 16:7*

2C. The law’s requirement of two witnesses was fulfilled - 16-18

*"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"*

*Message No. 21 - John 8:12-29*

- 5B. The **REASON** they did not understand or know His true identity - 19
- 2A. THE **CONSEQUENCES** WHICH JESUS CHRIST SAID WOULD COME TO THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE - 21-29
- 1B. As to the **PLACE** where He was going - 21-23  
"you will seek Me" - *Jer. 29:13*  
"die your sin" (THE sin - unbelief) cf. *v. 21, 24*
- 1C. Their **RESPONSE** – "Will He kill Himself?"
- 2C. The **REASON** for what they said  
"You are from beneath" cf. *Col. 3:1-3*  
(of the world vs. not of the world) - *1 John 2:15-17*
- 2B. As to the **PUNISHMENT** they would receive - 24
- 3B. As to the **PROBLEM** of their understanding - 25-29
- 1C. They did not understand His **MESSAGE** - 25-26  
*v. 27 - "they did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father"*
- 2C. They did not understand His **MISSION**  
*"When you lift up the Son of Man..."*
- 3C. They did not understand His **MOTIVE** - 29
- 4B. The **PRESENCE** of His Father was a continual **COMFORT**  
*"The Father has not left Me alone"*
- 5B. The **PLEASURE** of His Father was His continual **COMMITMENT**  
*"for I always do those things that please Him"*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 22*  
**“THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE”**  
*John 8:30-47*

1A. THE CHARACTERISTIC OF A TRUE DISCIPLE - 30-32

1B. One who believes in Him - 30-31a

2B. One who abides in His Word - 31

3B. One who knows the truth that makes you free - 32

2A. THEIR CONCERN OVER HIS WORD ABOUT FREEDOM - 33-36  
*Matt. 3:7-12*

They were in bondage to Egypt, Assyria, Babylon - and now Rome.

1B. The CONTROL of sin – 34 cf. *Rom 6:14-23*

2B. The CONTRAST between a slave and a son – 35 cf. *Gal. 4:1-7*

3B. The CONSEQUENCE which the Son can perform – 36 cf. Gal. 5:1

3A. THEIR CONDUCT WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THEIR CLAIM - 37-40

1B. The REASON  
*“because My word has no place in you”*

*“place” - verb “to go forward; to make progress” - Heb. 4:2*

2B. The RESULTS show it  
*“If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham”*

4A. THE CONCLUSION THEY MADE - 41

Could be a comment about their heritage

*“bond-slave”* might refer to Ishmael, who they believe was the result of fornication, or sin on the part of Abraham which was not true in the case of Isaac.

Or, it might be a *“slur”* toward Jesus and the doubtful circumstances of His birth and background (Is He virgin-born or an illegitimate child?).

*"THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"*

*Message No. 22 - John 8:30-47*

5A. THE REAL **CAUSE** BEHIND THEIR LACK OF UNDERSTANDING - 42-47

v. 43 - *"because you are not able to listen to My word"*

v. 47 - *"you do not hear, because you are not of God"*

1B. The **EVIDENCE** that they are not children of God - 42-43

*"If God were your Father, you would love Me"*

2B. The **EXPLANATION** as to why they were responding as they were - 44-47

1C. Their **Response** reveals that the devil is their father, not God - 44

*"You are of your father the devil"*

1D. Seen in their **resistance** to Jesus

*"Wanting to kill Him"*

*"He (devil) was a murderer from the beginning"*

2D. Seen in their **refusal** to believe what Jesus said

*"and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him"*

2C. Their personal **Relationship** to God does not exist - 47

1D. His **character** guarantees His truthfulness - 46

2D. The **cause** for their attitude was that they were not of God - 47

WHAT BLINDS US TO THE TRUTH?

1. Satanic deception - *2 Cor. 4:4; 11:3*

2. Personal depravity

3. Dependence on religious affiliations

4. Trust in Sacraments

5. Reliance on Human performance

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 23*  
**“BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM!”**  
*John 8:48-59*

1A. THE ATTEMPT TO **DISCREDIT** HIS TESTIMONY - 48-51

1B. The **ACCUSATIONS** they made - 48

1C. “You are a Samaritan” - cf. 4:9

You – emphatic position - Samaritans challenged the Jewish claim to be the exclusive children of Abraham, which Jesus said were of the devil.

2C. “You have a demon” - Cf. **7:20**

2B. The **ANSWER** He gave - 49-51

1C. He **Denied** having a demon – 49a

*“I do not have a demon”*

2C. He **Declared** His motive - 49b

*“I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me”*

*“And I do not seek My own glory” - v. 50a*

3C. He **Depended** upon His Father to glorify Him and to judge those who would dishonor Him - 50b

*John 17:4-5; Phil. 2:9-11*

4C. He **Defended** His claim and power - 51

*“If anyone keeps My word he shall never see death”*

They misunderstood his statement in **v. 51** – Thought He was speaking of exemption from physical death.

2A. THE ATTEMPT TO **DEPRECIATE** HIS IMPORTANCE - 52 -56

1B. They **ATTACKED** His claim - 52-53

1C. They were **CONVINCED** of demonic influence because of what He said

*“Now we know that You have a demon”*

*“BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM”*

*Message No. 23 - John 8:48-59*

- 2C. They were **CONFUSED** about Who He claimed to be  
*“Who do You make Yourself out to be?”*

*v.53 – “you are not greater...are you” – implies a negative answer.*

- 2B. He **ANSWERED** their attacks - 54-56

1C. By **REFERRING** to the honor of His Father - 54

2C. By **REMINDING** them He was telling the truth and would not lie -55

3C. By **REVEALING** that Abraham rejoiced to see His day - 56  
*“By faith, He saw it and was glad.”*

*Luke 16:22-31 – living in paradise – could see events on earth?*

1D. By believing the promise of God

2D. By the three men who came to his tent

3D. By the birth of Isaac

4D. By the offering of Isaac

*Hebrews 11:13-19*

- 3A. THE ATTEMPT TO **DENY** HIS CLAIM – 57-59

1B. Their **RESPONSE** reveals that they did not understand what He said - 57  
Christ did not speak of seeing Abraham, but of Abraham seeing His day.

2B. His **REPLY** was a strong proclamation of His Divine nature – 58  
*“before Abraham was” - came into being/became. Cf. Psa. 90:2*

3B. Their **REACTION** was a clear indication that he claimed to be God - 59

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 24*  
**“ONCE I WAS BLIND; NOW I SEE!”**  
*John 9-1-41*

- 1A. THE **CONDITION** OF THE MAN - 1  
“born blind”  
*2 Cor. 4:3-4; Eph. 4:17-28; 1 John 2:11*
- “beggar” (v. 8) - cf. *Matt. 9:27-29*
- 2A. **COMPASSION** OF JESUS CHRIST  
“He saw a man” - cf. *Luke 4:18* – “recovery of sight to the blind”
- Luke 7:21-23; Matt. 21:14.* - cf. *Matt. 8:14-17; 9:2, 9, 22, 36*
- 3A. THE **CAUSE** OF HIS CONDITION - 2-3  
It was not the cause of specific sinning in the life of his parents or himself.  
*Ex. 4:11; John 5:14* – “sins of the fathers”
- 4A. THE **COMMITMENT** OF JESUS CHRIST - 4-5  
“day” - is earthly ministry
- “I am the light of the world” - *8:12* - cf. *1:4-9; 12:35-36*
- “night” - His coming death
- 5A. THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** JESUS USED - 6-7  
Use of clay and the pool water of Siloam – Tabernacles “wells of salvation”
- Isa. 12:3* Siloam – “sent” Jewish tradition – no clay and spittle mixed on Sabbath.
- 6A. THE **CONFUSION** OF THE NEIGHBORS - 8-12  
“A Man called Jesus” v. 9 “He is like Him” (negative)
- 7A. THE **CONCERNS** OF THE PHARISEES - 13-17
- 1B. Over the **DAY** it happened - 14, 16
- 2B. Over the **DETAILS** of how it happened - 15
- 3B. Over the **DECISION** of the blind man - 17-18b  
“*He is a prophet*”

*“ONCE I WAS BLIND; NOW I SEE”*

*Message No. 24 - John 9:1-41*

8A. THE CAUTION OF HIS PARENTS - 18-23

1B. Their RELUCTANCE to get involved 20-21

2B. The real REASON for their hesitation - 22  
*“fear of the Jews”* - cf. **7:13; 9:22; 12:42; 19:38**  
imperfect middle tense – *“continued to fear”*

9A. THE CONFRONTATION OF THE PHARISEES - 24-34

1B. Their ACCUSATION toward Jesus Christ did nothing to change the facts  
24-25

2B. Their ATTEMPT to confuse him by continual interrogation backfired - 26-27

3B. Their ATTACK on him by comparing Jesus with Moses only strengthened his  
conviction and belief - 28-33

1<sup>st</sup>. Rebuke 7-30 days. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rebuke casting out – 30-60 days with curses.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Rebuke cutting off- treated as dead.

*“reviled”* – reproach/scold in a loud and abusive manner.

4B. The ACTION they took excommunicated him – 34  
cf. **John 6:37**

10A. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE MIRACLE – 35-41

1B. In the case of the blind man - SAVING BELIEF - 35-38  
Jesus “found him” - **Luke 19: 10**

2B. In the case of some Pharisees – SPIRIT BLINDNESS - 39-41  
There is healing for the blind, those who recognize their condition; if you do  
not believe you are blind and your sin remains.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 25*  
**“THE GOOD SHEPHERD”**  
*John 10:1-21*

1A. THE **ILLUSTRATION** - 1-6

v. 6 “kustratios” – paroimian

Not a parable – none in John – 27 in Luke.

1B. It was **DIRECTED** toward the it Pharisees - 6  
“*I say to you*” - cf. **9:40**

2B. It was **DESIGNED** to teach a least three things – 2-6

1C. The **Relationship** of the Shepherd to his sheep  
***Matt. 22:14 – “many are called but few are chosen”***

v. 3-4 – calls His own sheep by name – not “*the sheep*”. Cf. ***Jn. 6:37***

v. 7 – the way out of Judaism’s fold.

2C. The **Role** of the doorkeeper  
Contrast: **9:34** “*cast them out*” – **6:3** – “*leads them out*”.

1D. John the Baptist

2D. The Holy Spirit

3C. The **Reason** why sheep follow as they do – 4-6

2A. THE **INSTRUCTION** - 7-18

1B. JESUS IS THE **DOOR** - 7-10

1C. His **Position** - 7  
“*I am the door*” – God’s appointed way – the Messiah.  
“*enter by me*” cf. ***Jn. 15:5*** with **6:44**.

2C. His **Promise** - 9

3C. His **Purpose** - 10  
v. 28.

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2B. JESUS IS THE **SHEPHERD** - 11-18

1C. His **Character** - "good" kalos  
Contrast "bad" shepherds - *Ezk. 34* and *Jer. 23:1-6*

Cf. *Psalms 23*

2C. His **Commitment**  
"gives his life for the sheep"  
*John 10:11* – Good shepherd – death.

*Heb. 13:20* – Great shepherd – resurrection.  
*1 Pet. 5:4* – Chief shepherd – second coming.

3C. His **Contrast** with the hireling - 12-13

4C. His **Care** of the sheep  
"I know My sheep"  
*v. 15* – "I lay down my life for the sheep".

5C. His **Concern** for "other sheep"

6C. His **Comment** about "one flock"

7C. His **Control** of His own death and resurrection - 18  
Pink – p. 131 – Vol. 2 – "It was not the nails, but the strength of His love to the Father and to His elect, which held Him to the cross".

His Death: "Power to take it again".

1. Voluntary – *10:18*
2. Vicarious – *10:15*
3. Victorious – *10:18*

(huper) – *Rom. 5:6-8*.

3A. THE **IMPACT** - 19-21  
"a division -among the Jews"

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 26*  
**“I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE”**  
*John 10:22-42*

Background: “**FEAST OF DEDICATION**” (Hanakkuh) – “winter” - cf. *I Maccabees 4:52-59* - Judas Maccabeus rededicated the temple after the desecration by Antiochus Epiphanes - a feast of 8 days - can’t refer to dedication of Solomon’s temple (*I Kings 8:2*) which was at harvest time or the time Ezra’s dedication (*Ezra 6:15-16*) which was in the spring. The word is used in its verb form in *Heb. 9:18 & 10:19-20*.

Notice the following four things:

1A. THE **REQUEST** OF THE JEWS - 22-24

Accused Him of raising their expectations without satisfying them.

“Until when (or - what time) are you lifting up the soul of us?” (in suspense, that is)

2A. THE **REPLY** OF JESUS - 25-30

He referred to 4 issues:

1B. The **CAUSE** of their unbelief - 25-26

2B. The **CHARACTERISTICS** of His sheep - 27

1C. They **RECOGNIZE** His voice

*“hear My voice”*

2C. They **RESPOND** by following Him - *Luke 9:23*

3B. The **CONTROL** of the sheep - 28-29

1C. The **PROVISION** of eternal life

*Rom. 6:23; 1 John 5:11-13*

2C. The **PROMISE** of never perishing – John 3:16

*“Double negative”*

3C. The **POWERLESSNESS** of anyone changing this

*Rom. 8:38-39*

4C. The **PREEMINENCE** of the Father

*“greater than all”. 1 Cor. 15:24*

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4B. The CONNECTION between Himself and His Father - 30

NOT – “I and MY Father”

BUT - “I and THE Father”

The issue is our security. This is not a matter of purpose alone, although that is true; they are one in the power which provides security to the believer.

3A. THE RESPONSE THEY GAVE - 31-39

1B. The CAUSE of their hostility - 31-33

*John 8:58-59*

2B. The CHALLENGE Jesus gave was based on O.T. truth - 34-36

*Psalms 82 and Exodus 22:8-9* - Earthly Judges were called “gods” (ELOHIM)

Because they were responsible for God’s revelation and spoke with the authority of God to the people.

3B. The CONCLUSION Jesus gave to them - 37-38

*“believe the works”* (man born blind)

4B. The CONSEQUENCES which revealed their unbelieving hearts - 39

4A. THE RECEPTION HE HAD AT THE JORDAN RIVER – 40-44

“All the things John spoke about this man were true” - cf. *1:29-34*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 27*  
**“I AM THE RESURRECTION!”**  
*John-11-1-27*

1A. THE **REASONS** BEHIND THE SICKNESS AND DEATH OF LAZARUS –1-16  
Lazareus – Hebrew Eleazer – *“God has helped”* cf. Mary in *John 12:3-8*

Consider five reasons:

1B. **DEMONSTRATE** His love - 3, 5  
*v. 3 - “he whom You love is sick”* asthenon – *“without strength”*  
*v. 3* love – phile      *v.5* – love agape

2B. To **DISPLAY** the sovereign purposes of God - 4  
*“for the glory of God”* - cf. *John 9:2-3; Phil. 2:25-30*

3B. To **DEVELOP** trust in the hearts of His disciples - 6-10  
No reason to be afraid when we are with the Lord - He is the light.

Also, His working day was not yet over - He would die on time

4B. **DELIVER** Lazarus from the dead - 11-14  
*v. 11 “that I may wake him up”*  
*v.14 “plainly”* – adverb without metaphor or analogy.

5B. **DECLARE** His true identity power so that they might believe - 15  
*“that you may believe”* - cf. *John 20:30-31*

*v.16* – Thomas – cf. *20:24-29*

2A. THE **RESPONSE** OF MARTHA TO THE DELAY OF JESUS – 17-27

1B. The **CIRCUMSTANCES** - 17-20

1C. The **Condition** of Lazarus  
*“already been in the tomb four days”* - cf. *v. 39*

2C. The **Comforters** - 19  
Cf. *vv. 31, 33*

Hired professional mourners. Edersheim say burial was same day as death. 3 periods of morning. In tense First for 3 days. Lasted 30 days.

*"I AM THE RESURRECTION"*

*Message No. 27 John 11:1-27*

3C. The **Contrast** between- Mary and Martha – 20 - cf. *Luke 10:38-42*

2B. Her **CONCERN** - 21

She believed in His power, but did not understand His purposes.  
Disappointment.

3B. Her **CONFIDENCE** - 22

*"whatever you ask of God, God will give you"*

*"ask"* aiteo – men to God. inferior to superior.

Erotao – only used of Jesus – making a request of an equal.

4B. His **CONFRONTATION** - 23-26

Included two basic things:

1C. His **Promise**

*"your brother will rise again"*

1D. Bodily resurrection

2D. Eternal life – shall never die

2C. His **Power**

*"I am the resurrection and the life"*.

5B. Her **CONFESSION** – 27

*"I believe"* – perfect tense – *"I have believed"*.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 28*  
**“LAZARUS, COME FORTH!”**  
*John 11:28-57*

1A. THE **ENCOUNTER** WITH MARY - 28-32

1B. The **REQUEST** came from the Lord - 28-29  
*“The Teacher ... is calling for you!”*

2B. The **REACTION** of the comforters brought them to Jesus - 31  
*v. 31 – “to weep” – “noisy expression of grief; wailing”.*

3B. The **RESPONSE** of Mary revealed her love for the Lord - 32  
(She said the exact same thing as did her sister, Martha)

2A. THE **EXPRESSION** OF LOVE - 33-35

*“Groaned in the spirit and was troubled”*

(to snort with anger like a horse - expresses violent displeasure)

*“troubled”* - disturbed and agitated

*Matt. 9:30* – “strongly warned”; *Mark 1:43* “strictly warned him” *Mark 14:5*  
“criticized her sharply”.

WHAT BROUGHT TEARS TO THE EYES OF JESUS?

*“Jesus wept”* – quiet shedding of tears.

Three times He weeps. *Luke 19:41* – over Jerusalem; *Heb. 5:7* in Gethsemane; and here.

1. Deep hurt and sorrow of Mary - *11:32-33*

2. Callousness of the Jews - *11:33, 37*

3. Ignorance of His followers – *11:16, 40*

4. Unbelief of a few Jews - *11:42*

5. Indecision of some who believed – *11:46*

6. Love for Lazarus

3A. THE **EXPLANATIONS** OF THE JEWS - 36-37

1B. Some sympathized

Believing it was His love for Lazarus that made Him Cry.

2B. Some criticized

Believing that His power must be limited.

*"LAZARUS, COME FORTH"*

*Message No. 28 - John 11:28-57*

4A. THE EXPERIENCE OF RESURRECTION – 38-42

1B. The CONCERN of Jesus - 38

2B. The COMMAND to remove the stone - 39-42

3B. The CRY to Lazarus - 43  
*"Lazarus, here – outside!"*

4B. The CONSEQUENCES - 44-46

1C. In the case of Lazarus - 44  
*"he who had died came out"*

2C. In the case of many of the Jews - 45  
*"believed on Him"*

3C. In the case of some - 46  
*"went away to the Pharisees"*

5A. THE EVALUATION OF THE COUNCIL - 47-57

*"a council" not "the council"*

1B. Their CONCERNS - 47-48  
Fear of the Romans – removing them – the Temple – the nation.

2B. The COMMENTS of Caiaphas - 49-52  
*"he prophesied" - v. 50 – "It is expedient" not "it is right"*  
He was not going to be bothered with questions of justice and morality.

3B. The CONCLUSION they came to - 53  
*"plotted to put Him to death"*

4B. The COMING of Passover – 54-57

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

*Message No. 29*

**“THE WORLD HAS GONE AFTER HIM”**

*John 12:1-19*

1A. HIS **COMING** TO BETHANY - 1-11

Martha – **Worker** - Mary – **Worshipper** - Lazarus - **Witness**

1B. The **REASON** for His visit - 1-2

“Six days before the Passover” - cf. *Matt. 26:1-16; Mark 14:1-11*

v.2 “Lazarus – who sat (reclined)” – not typical if it was his home – he would have been a host.

“*After two days*” - shows the plotting of the priests and the scribes, and then reminds us of the previous occasion four days earlier to prove that this was the immediate cause for Judas wanting to betray Him.

*Mark 14:3* - The meal was held in the house of “Simon the leper” – was this the leper of *Matthew 8:1-4*? – and the father of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?

2B. The **RESPONSE** of Mary - 3

*Luke 7:36-50* - it was customary to anoint the head and wash the feet.

Two things unusual here:

1C. The **MONEY** involved 300 denarii - 5

“Very costly” – much value.

“Oil” – liquid perfume – “spikenard” – India and parts of Syria (Pure).

“Pound” – 12 ounces – today’s economy about \$9,600.00. 800 per oz.

2C. The **MANNER** in which she did this

“*anointed the feet of Jesus*” - cf. *Matt. 26:7* - “*she poured on His head*” as well. - Mark says she “*broke the flask*”

“Wiped his feet with her hair”. No sacrifice was too great!

It was considered a disgrace for a woman to appear in public with her hair unbound.

3B. The **REACTION** of Judas - 4-6

1C. Its **RELATIONSHIP** to the plan of God - 4

“*who would betray Him*”

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- 2C. The stated **REASON** for his concern - 5  
*Mark 14:4-5 - "some who were indignant" - "they criticized her sharply"*  
*Matt. 26:8 - "His disciples... were indignant"*
- 3C. The real **REASON**  
*"He was a thief"* Temporal values were destroying his life.
- 4B. The **REASSURANCE** of Jesus
- 1C. Her **PERCEPTION** of His ministry was correct  
*"for the day of My burial"*
- 2C. Her **PRIORITIES** were straight  
Jesus is First - not second to anyone! To serve Christ, and concentrate on spiritual priorities is more important and more valuable than temporal issues as important as they might be!
- 5B. The **RETURN** of many Jews - 9-11
- 2A. THE **CELEBRATION** ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM - 12-19
- 1B. The **PREPARATION** of palm branches - cf. *Leviticus 23:40; Rev. 7:9*  
Symbol of Strength, Beauty, Joy, and Salvation.
- 2B. The **PROCLAMATION** of the Messiah -*Psalm 118:22-26* – the HALLEL!  
A king rides on a horse to make war, on a donkey to come in peace.  
He comes first on a donkey and at his second coming on a Stallion.
- "Hosanna" "save now I pray thee"*
- "He who is to come" – cf. John 11:27*
- 3B. The **PROPHECY** of the donkey - 14-15 - cf. *Zech. 9:9*
- 4B. The **PEOPLE** who bore witness - 16-18  
*"When Jesus was glorified"*
- 5B. The **PROBLEM** of the Pharisees - 19

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 30*  
**“JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”**  
*John 12:20-36*

- 1A. THE **REQUEST** OF CERTAIN GREEKS - 20-22
- 1B. Their **IDENTITY** - “worship at the feast”  
Are they Gentile proselytes (cf. *Acts 8:27*) or Gentiles who lived in Galilee who knew Philip?
- 2B. Their **INQUIRY** - “Sir, we wish to see Jesus”  
No record that Jesus ever met them. The essence of his response is that the cross must come before Gentiles can have access to Christ.
- 2A. THE **REPLY** OF JESUS TO HIS DISCIPLES - 23-28
- 1B. The **PURPOSE** of His coming death - 23-24
- 1C. **Glorification**  
*“The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified”* cf. *17:4-5*
- 2C. **Fruitfulness**  
*“if it dies, it produces much grain (fruit)”*
- 2B. The **PRINCIPLE** for His followers - 25  
*Matthew 10:38-39; 16:24-26; Mark 8:34-37*
- 3B. The **PROMISE** to His followers - 26
- 1C. The promise of His **Presence**  
*“where I am, there My servant will be also”*
- 2C. The promise of **Honor**  
*“If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor”*
- 4B. The **PRAYER** to His Father - 27-28a
- 1C. Indicates His **Realization** of the agony which the cross would bring  
*“Now My soul is troubled”* - perfect tense - “to be agitated or disturbed”
- 2C. Indicates the **Reason** why He came into this world  
*“for this purpose I came to this hour”*

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3C. Indicates His **Relationship** to "His heavenly Father"  
*"Father, glorify Your name" – cf. 17:1-5*

3A. THE **RESPONSE** FROM HEAVEN - 28-29

1B. The Father's **REASSURANCE**  
*"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again"*

2B. The people's **REACTION**  
*"thundered" or "an angel has spoken to him"*

4A. THE **REVELATION** OF JESUS CONCERNING THE VOICE AND HIS  
COMING DEATH - 30-36

1B. The **PURPOSE** of the voice - 30  
*"for your sake"*

2B. The **POWER** of His death - 31-33

1C. As to the **SIN** of the world  
*"Now is the judgment of this world" - cf. John 9:39*

2C. As to **SATAN**  
*"now the ruler of this world will be cast out" – cf. Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Jn. 3:8*

3C. As to **SINNERS**  
*"if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all ... to Myself"*  
*Cf. John 3:14-15; 6:44*

3B. The **PROBLEM** the people had - 34  
*"the Christ remains forever" - cf. Micah 4:7 - "So the Lord will reign over  
them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever"*

*"Who is this Son of Man?" - cf. Daniel 7:13-14*

4B. The **PRIORITY** of believing - 35-36  
*"believe in the light, that you may become sons of light"*  
*Cf. John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 31*  
**“WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?”**  
*John 12:37-50*

1A. THE **RESULTS** TO WHAT JESUS SAID AND DID - 37-43

1B. The people were **UNBELIEVING** in spite of His many signs - 37-41  
36 miracles are recorded in the gospel.

1C. It was a **Fulfillment** of prophecy - 38  
*v. 38 - cf. Isa. 53:1;*

1D. The **message** - “report”

2D. The **miracles** - “arm”

2C. It was a **Fact** which God Himself had caused - 39-40  
*Rom. 10:14-21*

1D. The **inability** of people to believe apart from God’s help - 39

2D. The **intent** of God behind their blindness & hardness - 40  
*Rom. 11:11, 25-27, 32*

3D. The **impact** upon Isaiah  
*v. 41 - cf. Isa. 6:1-3, 10*

2B. Some rulers were **UNWILLING** to confess their faith in Him - 42-43  
For example Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea

Conviction  
Cowardice  
Compromise

1C. The **Reason**  
“lest they should be put out of the synagogue”

2C. The **Root**  
“loved the praise of men more than the praise of God”

*"WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT"*

*Message No. 31 - John 12:37-50*

2A. THE **RESPONSE** OF JESUS TO THESE RESULTS - 44-50

1B. His **CONNECTION** to the Father - 44-45

1C. In terms of **Sending** - 44

*John 14:8-11*

2C. In terms of **Seeing** - 45

2B. His **COMING** into the world - 46-47

1C. If we believe ... 46

2C. If we don't believe ... 47

3B. The **CONSEQUENCES** we will face - 48

"last day" - *Acts 17:31*

"rejects" – atheteo – to count as nothing

4B. The **COMMAND** to believe - 49-50

1C. It involves our Father's **Authority**

Cf. *8:28-29, 38; 14:24; 17:8*

2C. It involves our own **Assurance**

"is everlasting life" – cf. *3:15-16; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 40, 47, 51, 54, 58, 8:51; 10: 29; 11:25; 17:2-3*

3C. It involves our Lord's **Attitude**

"it as the Father has told Me, so I speak" – *John 8:28-29*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 32*  
**“WASHING ONE ANOTHER’S FEET”**  
*John 13:1-17*

Washing feet is referred to in *Genesis 18:4; 24:32; 43:24; Exodus 30:18-19; 40:30-31; Judges 19:21; 11 Samuel 11:8; Song of Solomon 5:3; Luke 7:38-44* and *I Timothy 5:10* - in addition to *John 13*.

**CHURCH HISTORY:**

Augustine and Ambrose mention it; the Synod of Toledo in 694 a.d. stated that it should take place on the anniversary of the day Jesus performed it. The Greek church later declared it to a sacrament. Bernard de Clairvaux of the Roman Catholic Church suggests that it be a sacrament, but it did not happen.

The pope, kings, and emperors usually practice it by washing the feet of 12 poor elderly men as a sign of their humility. Luther opposed the practice as being hypocritical and not true to the meaning of what our Lord did in John 13. The Church of England practiced it as did the AnaBaptists, Mennonites, Moravians, Brethren, Church of God, and Seventh-Day Adventists.

It has never been widely accepted by the church, and usually was not associated with regular communion services - When it was practiced, it most often was done on Maundy Thursday, commemorating our Lord’s Last Supper with His disciples.

**1A. THE POSSIBLE MOTIVES BEHIND OUR LORDS ACT OF WASHING THE DISCIPLES’ FEET - 1-5**

**1B. To ENCOURAGE His disciples - 1**

“when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world”

He was preparing them to minister in His behalf after He would ascend to heaven.

**2B. To EXPRESS His love**

“having loved His own who were in the world. He loved them to the end”

**3B. To EXPLAIN the betrayal of Judas - 2**

“the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him.”

*"WASHING ONE ANOTHER'S FEET"*

*Message No. 32 John 13:1-17*

v. *11* - "For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "you are not all clean."

His problem - unclean heart!

4B. To **EMPHASIZE** His incarnation and - 3  
His incarnation and mission – cf. *Phil 2:5-8*  
"and that He had come from God and was going to God"

5B. To **EXHORT** His disciples to be servants by His own example - 4-5  
Cf. *Luke 22:24-27*

Interesting observation:

John 12 - feet of Jesus are anointed  
John 13 - feet of disciples are washed

2A. THE **MEANING** OF THIS ACT OF JESUS - 6-11

1B. When we do not understand...**REST** in His knowledge - 6-7

2B. When we say "never"....**REALIZE** that He has a reason - 8  
"no part with Me"

3B. When we think we know what He means... **RELY** upon His instruction - 9-11  
The issue of cleansing - as important as the issue of humility and service!  
Cf. *Titus 3:5; John 15:3*

3A. THE **MESSAGE** WE ARE TO APPLY - 12-17

1B. His **SOVEREIGNTY** requires our obedience - 12-14

2B. His **EXAMPLE** encourages our obedience - 15-16

3B. His **PROMISE** motivates our obedience - 17  
*James 4:8*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 33*  
**“A NEW COMMANDMENT”**  
*John 13:18-38*

1A. A **PROPHECY** IS FULFILLED - 18-20

Notice three things:

1B. The **CHOICE** of the Lord  
“I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen”  
Cf. *6:70; 15:16; 17:16*

2B. The **CONTEXT** of the Scripture quoted  
“He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against me”  
Metaphor – sudden kick of a horse or mule - *Psalm 41:9*

Ahithophel’s treatment of David

3B. The **CONSEQUENCE** which will occur - 19-20

2A. A **PERSON** IS REVEALED - 21-30

Notice four things:

1B. The **CONCERN** of Jesus - 21  
“troubled in spirit” - *11:33; 12:27*

2B. The **CONFUSION** of the disciples - 22-26  
Cf. *Matthew 26:21-25* - the disciple whom Jesus loved - *19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20*

3B. The **COMING** of Satan - 27

4B. The **CONCLUSION** of the disciples - 28-30

3A. A **PURPOSE** IS PROCLAIMED - 31-35

Notice three things:

1B. The **REASON** that is given - 31-33  
The “glory” is the cross - cf. *Gal. 6:14* - God would glorify Him by raising Him from the dead. The foundation of the new commandment is His love for us - *II Cor. 5:14; ff; I John 4:19*.

*"A NEW COMMANDMENT"*

*Message No. 33 - John 13:18-38*

1C. The Son of Man is glorified

2C. The Father is glorified

3C. The Father will glorify Him by raising Him from the dead

4C. There will be no delay – “immediately”

v. 33 – “little children” new intimacy and relationship. Only occurrence in John, Sometimes in 1 John.

v. 32 “if God is glorified” (since) ei with indicative”.

2B. The **RELATIONSHIP** that is needed  
*“love one another”*

“new” - fresh, not new in time (in - Old Testament - *Lev. 19:18*)

New standard by which it is applied - “as I have loved you”

Minucius Felix reports a comment by a pagan Caecilius:

*“they love one another before they know one another”*

3B. The **RESULT** that is guaranteed  
*“By this all will know that you are My disciples”*

Tertullian – “The working of such love puts a brand upon us; for see, say the heathen, how they love one another.”

4A. A **PROBLEM** JESUS EXPOSED - 36-38

1B. The **COMMENTS** of Jesus - 36  
Cf. *13:33; 14:2; 16:5*

2B. The **CONFIDENCE** of Peter - 37  
Cf. *Matthew 26:31-35*

Cf. *Mark 14:29* – “Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be”

3B. The **COMMITMENT** that is lacking – 38  
*“will you lay down your life for me?”* - cf. *John 15:13; 1 John 3:16*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 34*  
**“JESUS IS COMING AGAIN”**  
*John 14:1-6*

Answers the questions: 1. Where are you going? **13:36**  
2. How can we know the way? **14:5**

1A. IT BRINGS **PEACE** TO OUR TROUBLED HEARTS - 1  
Cf. **14:27; 16:33; Isa. 26:3**

Stop letting your heart be troubled.  
You believe in God – emphatic “keep on believing”

“Believe in God also in me believe”

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

2A. IT PROMISES A **PLACE** IN OUR FATHER’S HOUSE - 2  
“my Father's house” - **Deut. 2 .15; 1 Kings 8:13, 27;**  
**Psalms 23:6; 33:13-14; 2 Cor. 5:1**

Heaven is called:

A country – **Heb. 11:14-16**

A city – **11:10; Rev. 21:2, 10**

A kingdom – **2 Peter 1:11**

Paradise – **Rev. 2:7**

The holy place – **Heb. 9:12, 24**

“mansions” (dwelling-places) many” - lots of room in our heavenly home!

“I go to prepare a place” He is going to the cross. That is our access to heaven.

3A. IT INCLUDES HIS **PRESENCE** FOREVER - 3  
cf. **Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5**

1B. His **RETURN** predicted – cf. **Titus 2:13**  
“**I will come again**” - **Acts 1:9-11** “**I am coming again**” present tense.

2B. His **RECEIVING** us unto Himself  
(PARALAMBANO) cf. **Matt. 24:36-42**

**14:3** – rapture **14:8** spiritual presence **14:23** indwelling **14:28**  
post resurrection ministry.

*"JESUS IS COMING AGAIN"*

*Message No. 34 - John 14:1-6*

4A. IT REQUIRES A **PATH** TO GET THERE - 4-6

1B. The **PROBLEM** we have - 4- 5

*"Lord we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"*

Thomas is the first disciple to confess his willingness to die with Jesus, but is the last one to believe the resurrection.

2B. The **ANSWER** we need - 6

1C. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life

Eternal life is found in Him - believing the message about His Person and work, and trusting Him alone to take you to heaven!

Christians "of the way" *Acts 9:2, 9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22*

"life" used in its various forms 56 times. Cf. *Matt. 7:13-14*  
*John 11:25-26*

"Truth" – *John 1:14, 17*

2C. There is no other way to get to the Father's house - cf. *Acts 4:12*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 35*  
**“PRAYING IN JESUS NAME”**  
*John 14:7-14*

- 1A. IT IS A **RELATIONSHIP** WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - 7-11
- 1B. His **WAYS** reveal the Father - 7-9  
“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father”  
  
“He who has seen Me has seen the Father” - cf. *Phil. 3:10-14*
- 2B. His **WORDS** demonstrate the Father's will and authority - 10  
*John 12:49-50*
- 3B. His **WORKS** establish the unique oneness which the Father and Son share - 11  
“Believe me” – plural - speaking to all, not just to Philip. – cf. *John 10:37-38*
- 2A. IT IS A **RESULT** THAT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 14:12-14
- 1B. There is a **PREREQUISITE**  
“Most assuredly” – amen, amen.  
  
“he believes in Me” does it refer to all believers in the future, or just to the apostles? - Cf. *Mark 16:17-20* and *Hebrews 2:3-4* (cf. *John 16:13*)
- 2B. There is a **PROMISE**  
“the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”  
  
“that I will do” - *13* “I will do it” - *14*  
  
“greater WORKS” - simply greater than My works - like spread of the gospel, and the salvation of lost men and women!  
  
“because I go to My Father” – cf. *John 16:7*  
  
His going away means the coming of the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower us - that's how we will do “greater works”

## "PRAYING IN JESUS' NAME"

Message No. 35 - John 14:7-14

- 3B. There is a **PATTERN**  
"whatever you ask in My name" "If you ask anything in My name"  
(used 6 times) - cf. **John 15:16; 16:23-24, 26**

cf. **Matthew 7:7-11; 21:22** - cf. **I John 5:14-15**

To "ask in My name" is the second reason why believers will be able to do "greater things" - **BECAUSE** (1) I go to My Father, and the Holy Spirit will come, and (2) you ask in My name.

Jesus Christ does not promise here to answer all prayer, but only prayer that is offered "in My name." What is asked in His name, will be done, but only that.

**John 15:16** implies that asking in His name involves becoming more productive. Our Lord wants us to be fruitful, and the means by which that fruit is produced is prayer - asking in His name.

**John 16:23-24** indicates that when the Holy Spirit comes, the disciples will no longer ask Jesus anything - He will be gone - from then on, they will ask the Father in the name of Jesus. The privilege of asking in Jesus' name was unknown in the O.T. Praying in Jesus' name is prayer based upon a new relationship that would begin on the Day of Pentecost.

"In His Name" - refers to more than a title - it refers to His authority and character - cf. **Acts 3:6**

- 4B. There is a **PURPOSE**  
"that the Father may be glorified in the Son" **16:24** - "that your joy may be full"

### THE CONDITIONS FOR EFFECTIVE PRAYING

- (1) Ask according to His will - **I John 5:14-15; John 15:7-8**  
(SUBMISSION)
- (2) Ask in faith, trusting God to give you good things - **Matt. 21:22; 7:7-11**  
(DEPENDENCY)
- (3) Ask in His name, depending upon His authority, intercession, and character  
**John 14:13-14**  
(RELATIONSHIP)

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

*Message No. 36*

## “THE HOLY SPIRIT IS COMING”

*John 14-15-31*

1A. THE BASIC **PRINCIPLE** OF DISCIPLESHIP WILL BE NECESSARY- 15  
(Obedience is the evidence of love)

*cf. John 14:21, 23-24; 15:9-10, 13-14, 17;  
1 John 2:3-6; 3:11, 14, 18, 22-24; 4:7-11, 20-21; 5:2-3*

2A. THE LORD’S **PRAYER** FOR ANOTHER HELPER WILL BE ANSWERED -  
16-18

1B. He will come from the Father  
*Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; 2:38-39; 11:15-18*

2B. He will be like Jesus  
“another of the same kind”  
*cf. 1 John 2:2; Romans 8:26, 34; Hebrews 7:25*

3B. He will abide with you forever  
*cf. Ephesians 1:13-14*

4B. He will be known by believers only - 17a

5B. He will not simply be present at our side, but will be inside of us - 17b

6B. He will come along with the presence of the Lord Jesus - 18

Note: “HELPER” is used in four primary ways

1C. Advocate - defense attorney  
(to **INTERCEDE**)

2C. Tutor - instruct students  
(to **INSTRUCT**)

3C. Doctor - to treat disease in patient at bedside  
(to **IMPART**)

4C. Friend - counsel, encourage, comfort  
(to **INFLUENCE** or **INSPIRE**)

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*Message No. 36 - John 14:15-31*

3A. THE LORD'S **PRESENCE** AMONG THE BELIEVERS WILL BE GUARANTEED - 14:19-24

1B. The **REMOVAL** of His presence from the world - 19a

2B. His **RESURRECTION** is His guarantee - 19b

3B. The **REALITY** of the Lord's presence will be known - 20-21

4B. The **REQUEST** of Judas - 22

5B. The **RESPONSE** of the Lord emphasizing the basic principle of discipleship and the enjoyment of the Lord's presence - 23-24

4A. THE LORD'S **PROMISES** WILL BE FULFILLED - 25-31

Involves three things:

1B. The **REMEMBRANCE** of what He said to them - 25-26

2B. The **REST** which they will need - 27  
Cf. *14: 1* – "Let not your heart be troubled"

3B. The **REASONS** behind His promises - 28-31

1C. That they would rejoice - 28

2C. That they would believe - 29

3C. That the world may know - 31

SUMMARY:

HOW DOES CHRIST MANIFEST HIMSELF TO US?

1. By the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit - 16-17

2. By obedience to His Word - 23 - cf. *v. 15*

3. By the peace which He alone gives - 27

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 37*  
**THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES”**  
*John 15:1-8*

1A. THE **DEFINITIONS** OF THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES - 1-2  
In the Old Testament, the vine or vineyard describes Israel.

1B. The true vine is Jesus Christ our Lord - cf. v. 5

2B. The vinedresser is the Father  
The One Who takes care of the vine and the branches - cf. *Hebrews 12:5-11*

3B. The branches represent the disciples - 5  
“you are the branches”

Some will not bear fruit, and the ones that do will be pruned or cleansed to make them more productive.

2A. THE **DISCIPLINE** OF THE BRANCHES - 2

Involves two things:

1B. The **PURPOSE** of the branch  
“to bear fruit”

2B. The **PRUNING** of the branch  
“to bear more fruit”

3B. “The **PURITY** of the Branch  
“clean because of the word”  
*Psalm 119:9, 11*

3A. THE **DEPENDENCY** OF THE BRANCH UPON THE VINE - 4-5

Notice two things:

1B. The **IMPOSSIBILITY** of a branch bearing fruit without being connected to the vine - 4

2B. The **INABILITY** of believers to do anything apart from Jesus Christ - 5  
Fruitfulness depends not on the extent of our talents and abilities, but our contact and dependency upon the Lord Himself.

"THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES"

*Message No. 37 - John 15:1-8*

4A. THE **DANGER** OF NOT BEARING FRUIT - 15:6

Words and phrases that need interpretation:

1B. "abide in Me" – cf. *John 3:24; 4:12-16*

2B. "cast out" – cf. *John 6:37; 9:34*

3B. "is withered" – no longer capable of bearing fruit

4B. "they gather them" – angels at death or harvest – cf. *Matt. 13:39-42*

5B. "the fire"

1C. hell – cf. *Matt. 3:10-12; 7:17-20*

2C. Judgment seat - *1 Cor. 3:11-15*

6B. "they are burned"

Wood of the vine is so inferior, it is not permitted to be burned on the temple altar.

1C. Loss of salvation

2C. Loss of reward

5A. THE **DISCIPLESHIP** THAT IS NEEDED - 7-8

Two things will be true of us:

1B. A **DEPENDENCY** upon the Lord and His Word - 7

"you will ask" – imperative rather than declarative – ask.

2B. A **DESIRE** to glorify God and bear much fruit - 8

"you will be my disciples" – future – although they were presently called disciples. – cf. *Psa. 92:12-15*

Two Things glorify the Father:

1. Bearing much fruit

2. Becoming Jesus' disciples

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 38

## “LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

*John 15:9-17*

1A. IT IS **EXPECTED** OF THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS - 12, 14, 17  
“so you will be *My disciples*” - cf. *15:8*

cf. *John 13:34-35; I John 3:11-15*

2A. IT IS **ENCOURAGED** BY THE EXAMPLE OF OUR LORD - 9-10, 12  
cf. *14:15*

v. 9 - “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you”

v. 10 - “just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love”

v. 12 - “as I have loved you”

cf. *I John 4:9-11*

3A. IT IS **ESSENTIAL** FOR HAVING THE JOY OF THE LORD - 11

1B. The **STRENGTH** of that joy  
“*My joy*” - cf. *Nehemiah 8:10*

2B. The **SCOPE** of that joy  
“*may be full*”

4A. IT IS **EXPRESSED** BY SELF-SACRIFICE - 13-15  
cf. *I John 3:16; Ephesians 5:2, 25; Romans 5:6-8*

5A. IT IS **EXPLAINED** AS BEARING FRUIT - 16  
cf. *Psalms 1:3*

FRUIT:

1B. The fruit of **CHARACTER**  
fruit of the Holy Spirit - *Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:9*

2B. The fruit of **CONDUCT**  
fruit to holiness - *Romans 6:20-23; 7:4-6*

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- 3B. The fruit of **CHASTENING**  
peaceable fruit of righteousness - *Heb. 12:11*
  
- 4B. The fruit of **CELEBRATION**  
the fruit of our lips - *Heb. 13:15*
  
- 5B. The fruit of **COMMITMENT**  
the fruit of our hands - *Proverbs 31:10, 28-31*
  
- 6B. The fruit of **CONVERTS**  
*Proverbs 11:30; Romans 1:13; John 15:16*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 39*  
**“HOW TO FACE PERSECUTION”**  
*John 15:18-27*

1A. **WHY** WE MUST FACE PERSECUTION - 18-25

1B. Our **RELATIONSHIP** to Jesus Christ - 18-21

*2 Timothy 3:12* - “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution:

1C. The **Reaction** of the world to Christ – 18 - cf. *1 John 3:10*

2C. His **Removal** of us from the world - 19

*Eph. 2:1-6; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 1 John 2:15-17*

3C. The **Role** of a servant – 20 - Cf. *John 13:16* – service and humility

1C. The **Reason** they will do it - 21

2B. His **REPROOF** of their sin - 22-24 - *Gal. 5:19-21*

1C. By His **Word** - 22

2C. By His **Works** - 24

3B. The **REVELATION** of God’s Word that must be fulfilled - 25  
cf. *Psalms 35:19; 69:4; 109:1-5*

2A. **WHAT** WE NEED TO FACE PERSECUTION - 26-27

1B. We need God’s **PRESENCE** comforting us - 26

1C. Our **Need** - “HELPER”

2C. The **Nature** of His authority -from the Father”

3C. The **Necessity** of His ministry - “He will testify of Me” - cf. *Jn. 16:13-14*

2B. We need God’s **PURPOSE** controlling us - 27  
cf. *Acts 1:8, 22; 4:31-33; 22:15; 23:11*

CONCLUSION: *Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Peter 4:12-19*

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
*Message No. 40*  
**“WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES”**  
*John 16:1-15*

- 1A. JESUS **PREPARES** THEM FOR HIS DEPARTURE - 1-6
  - 1B. The **REASON** for His warning - 1  
 (“that you should not be made to stumble”)
  - 2B. The **RESISTANCE** that is coming - 2-4
    - 1C. The **Consequences** will be severe - 2
      - 1D. **Excommunication**
      - 2D. **Execution**
    - 2C. The **Cause** behind it is important to understand - 3
    - 3C. The **Concern** of the Lord demonstrates His love - 4
  - 3B. The **REACTION** of the disciples is known by Christ - 5-6
- 2A. JESUS **PROMISES** THEM ANOTHER HELPER - 16:7-15 - CF. *14:16-17; 15:26*
  - 1B. He will **COME** to the believer - 7
  - 2B. He will **CONVICT** the world through the believer - 8-11
    - 1C. Of **Sin** (not specific sins, but unbelief – *Heb 3:12*)
    - 2C. Of **Righteousness** (not good deeds, but Jesus Christ – *1 Cor. 1:30*)
    - 3C. Of **Judgment** (not great white throne/hell. The cross - defeat of Satan)
  - 3B. He will **CONFIRM** the truth for the believer - 12-15
    - 1C. He **Guarantees** the nature and extent of the truth - 13
    - 2C. He **Glorifies** Jesus Christ - 14
    - 3C. He **Gives** what the Father has given to Jesus to the believer - 15

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*Message No. 41*  
**“WHEN JESUS LEAVES THE WORLD”**  
*John 16:16-33*

Notice three things:

1A. THE **PROBLEM** OF UNDERSTANDING - 16-19

Two different Greek words – “see”

1<sup>st</sup>. THEOREITE – to behold; gaze upon

2<sup>nd</sup>. OPSESTHE – to have insight or understanding of spiritual realities.

Two major views:

1B. He is referring to His death and resurrection

2B. He is referring to His ascension and second coming  
cf. *12:35-36; 13:1; 14:1-6, 19, 28-29; 16:5-6*

v. *19* – Jesus knew they wanted to ask him – we need never be embarrassed to ask another question.

2A. THE **PROMISE** OF BLESSING - 20-28

Based on two things:

1B. Based on the **REJOICING** they will experience when He comes again - 20-22  
“sorrow” - between the ascension and the second coming - cf. *Matt. 9:15*

“woman ... in labor” - cf. *Matt. 24:8; Romans 8:18-25; 2 Cor. 4:17-18*

2B. Based on the **REQUESTS** they will bring to the Father - 23-28

Consider the following factors:

1C. The **Absence** of Jesus

“In that day you will ask (to ask questions) Me nothing.”

2C. The **Authority** of Jesus

“in My name” – cf. *14:13-14*

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3C. The **Assurance** of answered prayer  
"He will give you"

4C. The **Abundance** of joy  
"that your joy may be Full"

3A. THE **PREDICTION** OF TRIBULATION - 29-33

1B. The **PERIL** of the cross - 32a - cf. *Matt. 26:56*  
"scattered" – when the flock is attacked by the wolf – cf. *John 10:12*

2B. The **PRESENCE** of the Father - 32b

3B. The **PEACE** He will give - 33a  
In me – peace (you might have)  
In the world – tribulation (you are having - it is a fact.)

4B. The **PROMISE** of victory - 14-b  
"be of good cheer" – only here in John's writings  
Cf. *Matt. 9:2, 22; Mark. 10:49*

"I have overcome the world")

cf. *I John 5:4-5, 18-21*

To OVERCOMERS: *Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26-27; 3:5, 12, 21*

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!"

WHEN YOU ARE HURTING...REMEMBER

1. The Holy Spirit has come
2. God will ultimately turn your sorrow into joy
3. God answers Prayer
4. God's peace is available

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 42

## “THE LORD’S PRAYER”

*John 17:1-26*

Introduction:

(1) The **PLACE** to which He looked

“lifted up His eyes to heaven” - *Psa. 5:1-3; 121:12*

(2) The **PERSON** to Whom He prayed

“Father” - cf. *vv. 1, 5, 11, 21, 24, 25* - 51 times He uses the word “you” or “yours”.

*Matt. 6:9* – “Our Father in heaven”

*Matt. 6:14* – “your heavenly Father”

God addressed as “father” – 14 times in OT; 70 times by Jesus in gospels.

Calls Him “the only true God” (*v. 4*)

“Holy Father” (*v. 11*) and “righteous Father” (*v. 25*)

“Abba” – *Mark 14:36; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6*

“Dearest Father” – term of respect and endearment.

1A. LORD’S **PRAYER** FOR HIMSELF - 1-5

1B. His **SPECIAL REQUEST** for Himself

“Glorify Your Son” *v. 1*

“Glorify Me together with Yourself” - *v. 5* - cf. *Phil. 2:9-11*

2B. His **SPECIFIC REASONS**

1C. That the Father would be glorified by the Son - 1, 4 - cf. *John 14:13*

2C. That the Son should give eternal life to the children of the Father - 2

1D. Eternal life is knowing the only true God - cf. *John 14:8-9*.

2D. Eternal life is knowing Jesus Christ whom the Father has sent  
 (“and Jesus whom Thou has sent, as the Christ”)

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2A. THE LORD'S **PRAYER** FOR HIS DISCIPLES - 6-19

1B. His **RELATIONSHIP** to them - 6-10

2B. His **REQUESTS** for them - 11-19

1C. For **Preservation** - 11-12

Holy Father, KEEP through Your name those whom You have given Me"

"Hallowed be Your name" *Matt. 6:9* (to lift up or set apart)

WHY? "that they may be one as We are"

Jesus "kept them" - *v. 12*

"THE SON OF PERDITION" - a fulfillment of Scripture - *Psa. 41:9*

(Note: used of the Antichrist - *II Thess. 2:3*)

"LOST" - same root as PERDITION" (play on words)

2C. For **Protection** - 13-16

"that You should KEEP them from the evil one" - cf. *II Thess. 3:1-3*

1D. The **Problem** they face - 14

"the world has hated them"

2D. The **Prayer** that is needed

"keep them from" - NOT DON'T "take them out of it"

3C. For **Purity** - 17-19

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (to be set apart)

cf. *v. 18* with *Luke 19:10; John 20:21*

"I also have sent them into the world"

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*Message No. 42 - John 17:1-26*

3A. THE LORD'S **PRAYER** FOR FUTURE BELIEVERS - 20-26

1B. A prayer for **UNITY** - 21-23

"that they all may be one ... in Us"

1C. The **Pattern** - "as We are one"

2C. The **Purpose**

"that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as  
You have love Me"

2B. A prayer for **FELLOWSHIP** - 24-25

"that they also whom You gave may be with Me where I am, that they may  
behold My glory which You have giver Me"

3B. A Prayer for **LOVE** - 26

"that the love with which You loved Me may be in them and I in them"

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 43

## “JESUS IS ARRESTED!”

*John 18:1-18*

### 1A. THE PLACE WHERE IT HAPPENED - 1-2

“*Kidron*” a Hebrew word for “black.”

Why did Jesus go there?

1B. He had gone there many times before with His disciples – 2  
cf. *Luke 21:37*

2B. He knew that it would be easy for Judas to find Him there  
He was willingly giving Himself up!

3B. He was fulfilling the type as a son of David  
*2 Sam. 15:23, 30-31* (betrayal by David’s friend, Ahithophel)

### 2A. THE PLOT BEHIND WHAT HAPPENED - 3

“*detachment of troops*” - band or cohort consists of 1/10 of a legion or about 600 men, plus the Jewish officers.

*Matthew 26:47* says “With a great multitude with swords and clubs”  
*v.12 “the captain”* – chiliarchos – ruler of thousands

### 3A. THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST - 4-9

1B. His KNOWLEDGE - 4  
“*all things*” – *1 John 3:20*

2B. His STRENGTH - 6  
cf. *Psalms 27:1-2; John 10:17-18; Acts 2:22; Rev. 13:8*

3B. His CONTROL - 8-9  
Perhaps Judas kissed Him between verses 9 and 10 –  
cf. *Matt. 26:49-50, 51-56*

### 4A. THE PRESUMPTION OF PETER - 10-11

cf. *Luke 22:47-52* - *v.10* “cut off” to tear or rip.

Of all people, THE servant of the High Priest - Caiaphas!  
Jesus rebuked Peter for trying to thwart the purposes of God!

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5A. THE **PRIEST** WHO BEGAN HIS INVESTIGATION - 12-14  
cf. *Luke 3:2* – Annas and Caiaphas being high priests”

Annas – 6 a.d. to 15 a.d. was deposed by Pilate’s predecessor – Valerius Gratus, but was still V.P. of the Sanhedrin and patriarch of the family of high priests. – Lasted until 62 a.d. with 5 sons and a son-in-law. The Jews did feel a Roman official could really depose a high priest – he still had the power.

Consider the typology:

1B. They “**BOUND** Him” - 12  
Isaac was bound - *Genesis 22*  
Animal sacrifices were bound - *Psalms 118:27*

2B. They “**LED** Him” - 13  
Animals were first led to the priest - *Lev. 17:5*  
*Isa. 53:7* - “He was led as a lamb to the slaughter”

6A. THE **PROBLEM** WHICH PETER FACED - 15-18

1B. He **FOLLOWED** Jesus - 15  
cf. *Matt. 26:58* - “But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard”

2B. He **FAILED** to identify Himself as a follower of Jesus Christ - 17

3B. He **FELLOWSHIPED** with the wrong crowd - 18  
Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

*Eph. 5:11* “and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.”  
Cf. *2 Cor. 6:14-18*

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 44

## “JESUS ON TRIAL”

*John 18:19-40*

### 1A. THE TRIAL BEFORE ANNAS THE HIGH PRIEST - 18:19-24

1B. The NATURE of the examination - 19

1C. About His Disciples

2C. About His Doctrine

2B. The NEED for this examination - 20-21

3B. The NASTINESS of the officer’s reaction - 22-23

cf. *Micah 5:1* - “They will strike the Judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek”

4B. The NECESSITY of further examination before Caiaphas - 24

cf. *Mark 14:53-65; 15:1*

Cf. *Psa. 2:2* “the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed.”

### 2A. THE TESTING OF PETER - 18:25-27

cf. *18:15-18* - cf. *Matthew 26:69-75; Luke 22:54-62*

### 3A. THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE - 18:28-40

The Fortress of Antonia – N.W. corner of the temple mount. Built by Herod the Great for his friend Mark Antony.

1B. The INDECISION of Pilate - 28-32

“early morning” PROI – 4<sup>th</sup> watch – 3:00 - 6:00 a.m.

1C. The Reluctance of the Jewish leaders to enter the Praetorium - 28

*Lev. 23:5-8* – first day of unleavened bread. *Ex. 12:15-17*

2C. The Reason they gave for bringing Jesus to him - 29-30

“a continual evil doer” – *Acts 10:38* – He went about doing good.

3C. The Response of Pilate - 31a

Pilate – a.d. 26-36. He used temple funds to build an aqueduct – when the people protested, they were beaten by roman soldiers.

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4C. The **Reaction** of the Jewish leadership - 31b

5C. The **Reliability** of Jesus prediction – 32  
cf. *Matt. 20:17-19*

2B. The **INTERROGATION** of Jesus by Pilate - 33-38

1C. ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS? - 33-34  
If so, He would be a personal threat to Pilate

2C. AM I A JEW? - 35  
"I am not a Jew, am I?"

In other words, why should the question interest him!

3C. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? - 35-36  
It suggests that there must be a specific crime that He did

4C. ARE YOU A KING THEN? - 37-38  
It implies that in some sense He was according to His own words

NOTE: This confession by Jesus that He was a King is probably that referred to by Paul in *I Timothy 6:13*

5C. WHAT IS TRUTH? - 38  
Not an honest inquiry, but the characteristic of his time, and the philosophies of his time - everything was relative and there was no way of knowing the truth.

"I find no fault in Him at all" – he should have been released immediately.

3B. The **INITIATIVE** he took in dealing with a man against Whom he had no charge -39-40 - cf. *Matthew 26:11-26*

Barabbas – son of a father

Jesus – Son of the father

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 45

## “THE CRUCIFIXION”

*John 19:1-30*

### 1A. THE PUNISHMENT WHICH HE RECEIVED - 19:1-7

1B. They scourged Him - 1  
cf. *Mark 15:15-20*

2B. They mocked Him - 2-5

3B. They called for His death by crucifixion - 6-7

Seven times, Pilate acknowledged that he found no fault in Him.

Consider the following:

1C. Judas in *Matt. 27:4* - “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

2C. Pilate in *John 19:4* - “I find no fault in Him”

3C. Herod in *Luke 23:14-15*

(Pilate’s remark) - “I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing worthy of death has been done by Him.”

4C. Pilate’s wife in *Matt. 27:19*  
“Have nothing to do with that just Man”

5C. The dying thief in *Luke 23:41*  
“this Man has done nothing wrong”

6C. The Roman centurion in *Luke 23:47*  
“Certainly this was a righteous Man”

7C. Those standing with the centurion in *Matt. 27:54*  
“Truly this was the Son of God”

### 2A. THE POLITICS THAT HE ENDURED -19:8-16

1B. His FEAR - 8-11  
He tries to intimidate the Lord!

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- 2B. His **FOLLOWING** the wishes of the crowd - *Mark 15:6-15*
- 3B. His **FAILURE** to stop the injustice He knew was taking place - 12-16
- 3A. THE **PLACE** WHERE HE DIED - 19:17-22
- 1B. It was a place of **IDENTIFICATION**
- 1C. Identified with **Suffering**  
"bearing His cross"
- 2C. Identified with a **Skull**
- 3C. Identified with **Sinners**  
"two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center"  
cf. *Luke 5:30-32; 7:34*
- 2B. It was a place of **INIQUITY**  
cf. *Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24*
- 3B. It was a place of **INVITATION**  
cf. *Luke 23:39-43*
- 4B. It was a place of **INSCRIPTION** - 19:19-22
- 1C. The **Conflict** in the accounts
- Matt. 27:37* - "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews"
- Mark 15:26* - "The King of the Jews"
- Luke 23:38* - "This is the King of the Jews"
- John 19:19* - "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews"
- 2C. The **Concern** of the chief priests - 21  
(didn't like the advertising in three languages!)
- 3C. The **Control** of God - 22  
The inscription WAS and IS the truth - cf. *1 Tim. 6:13-16; Rev. 19:16*

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4A. THE PEOPLE WHO OBSERVED THIS EVENT - 19:23-27

Notice three things:

1B. The COMMERCIALISM and CRITICISM of the soldiers – 23-24  
cf. *Psalm 22:18* and *Luke 23:34-37*

2B. The CONCERN of the women - 25  
cf. *Luke 23:49, 55*

3B. The CARE of His mother - 26-27

5A. THE PLAN OF GOD THAT WAS FINISHED - 19:28-30

1B. Seen in His COMPREHENSION of all things - 28a

2B. Seen in the COMMENTARY of the Scripture - 28b-29  
cf. *Psalm 69:21*

3B. Seen in the CLIMAX of His work of redemption - 30  
cf. *John 17:4*

4B. Seen in the COMMITMENT of His Spirit to God the Father - 30b  
cf. *Luke 23:46*

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 46

## “THE GARDEN TOMB”

*John 19:31-42*

- 1A. THE **PROBLEM** OF THE SABBATH - 19:31  
Cf. *Deut. 21:22-23* Sabbath – “High day” - cf. *Lev. 23:4-8*
- 2A. THE **PROOF** THAT JESUS WAS DEAD - 19:32-35
  - 1B. The **SOLDIER** who broke the legs - 32-33
  - 2B. The **SPEAR** in His side - 34-35  
cf. *I John 5:6-13* - brazen altar – blood - brazen laver - water
- 3A. THE **PROPHECIES** THAT WERE FULFILLED - 19:36-37
  - 1B. His **BONES** would not be broken  
cf. *Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20*
  - 2B. His **BODY** would be pierced  
cf. *Zechariah 12:10; Revelation 1:7*
- 4A. THE **PREPARATION** OF THE BODY OF JESUS - 19:38-40
  - 1B. The **CONCERN** of two disciples was apparent - 38-39
    - 1C. **Joseph** of Arimathea  
cf. *Mark 15:43-45; Luke 23:50-52; Matt. 27:57* - “rich man”
    - 2C. **Nicodemus**  
cf. *John 3:1-21; Luke 23:50* - “a council member a good and just man”.
  - 2B. The **CUSTOM** of the Jews was followed - 39b-40

*Matt. 27:59* - “wrapped it in a clean linen cloth”

*Mark 15:46* - “he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen”

*Luke 23:53* “wrapped it in linen”

Roman pound = 12 ounces – “spices” - aromaton

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5A. THE PLACE WHERE THE BODY WAS PLACED - 19:41-42

Consider the following facts:

- 1B. It was "where He was crucified"
- 2B. It was a "garden"
- 3B. It was a "new tomb" unused
- 4B. It was "nearby"
- 5B. It was "hewn out of the rock"  
*Luke 23:53*
- 6B. It was well-known to the Roman officials  
cf. *Matt. 27:62-66*
- 7B. A large stone was rolled against the door of the tomb  
*Matt. 27:60; Mark 15:46*

The Gospel = *1 Cor. 15:3-4* – "that he was buried" - cf. *Rom. 6:4-5; Col. 2:12*

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 47

**“HE IS ALIVE!”**

*John 20:1-18*

## 1A. THE REACTION OF THE WOMEN - 1-2

### 1B. A COMPARISON of other accounts

*v. 1* - “came to the tomb early, while it was still dark”  
(cf. *v. 2* – “WE do not know”)

*Matt. 28:1* - “as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb”

*Mark 16:1* - “Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. “Very early in the morning”

*Luke 24:1* - “very early in the morning” (the women)

## 2B. The CIRCUMSTANCES that occurred at the tomb

### 1C. The Removal of the stone - 1

cf. *Matt. 28:2; Mark 16:2-4; Luke 24:2*

### 2C. The Report of the angel

cf. *Matt. 28:3-8; Mark 16:5-8; Luke 24:3-12*

## 2A. THE RESPONSE OF PETER AND JOHN - 3-10

### 1B. The EXCITEMENT they showed - 4

“both ran together”

### 2B. The EFFECT of what they saw - 5

*v. 5* “looked” – “glanced” *v. 6* “examined” *v. 8* “understood.”

cf. *Luke 24:12; I Cor. 15:5*

“He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve”

### 3B. The EXPLANATION behind their response - 9

cf. *Psa. 16:8-11; Acts 2:22-40*

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3A. THE **REASSURANCE** OF MARY MAGDALENE - 11-18

**Mark 16:9** - "He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons"

Notice the following five things:

1B. Her **CRYING** - 11  
cf. **Luke 7:36-50**

2B. Her **CONCERN** - 12-13

3B. Her **CONVERSATION** with Jesus - 14-16

1C. Her **Ignorance** - 14

2C. His **Inquiry** - 15a

3C. Her **Interpretation** - 15b

4C. His **Identity** is revealed to her - 16

4B. Her **CLINGING** to Him - 17a

5B. His **COMMISSION** - 17b-18

APPEARANCES

1. To Mary Magdalene – **Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18**
2. To the women returning from the tomb – **Matt. 28:8-10**
3. To Cleopas and a friend on the Emmaus road – **Mark 16;12; Luke 24:13-35**
4. To Peter – **1 Cor. 15:5**
5. To the ten disciples – **Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-25**
6. To eleven disciples – **John 20:26-31; 1 Cor. 15:5**

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*Message No. 48*  
**“MY LORD AND MY GOD”**  
*John 20:19-31*

1A. THE **APPEARANCE** OF JESUS CHRIST TO HIS DISCIPLES- 20:19-23

1B. The **SITUATION** into which Jesus came - 19

1C. The **Day**

“same day at evening, being the first day of the week”

2C. The **Doors**

“were shut”

3C. The **Disciples**

“were assembled for fear of the Jews” - cf. *Prov. 29:25*

2B. The **SPEAKING** of peace to them - 19b  
cf. *John 14:27; 16:33; Luke 24:36-49*

3B. The **SHOWING** of His wounds - 20  
cf. *1 John 1:1*

4B. The **SENDING** of His disciples - 21  
cf. *Luke 19:10* - “as my father has sent me – (apestalken)  
“so send (pempo) I you” - cf. *Acts 13:4*

5B. The **SPIRIT** He gave to them - 22-23

1C. His **ACTION**

“breathed on them” - cf. *Gen. 2:7; Job 33:4; 34:14-15*

2C. **ACCEPTANCE** was necessary

“Receive the Holy Spirit” - cf. *Luke 24:49; John 14:17*

1D. By **asking** – *Luke 11:13*

2D. By **believing** – *John 7:39; Acts 11:17; 19:4*

3D. By **obeying** – *Acts 5:32*

4D. By **repenting** – *Acts 2:38*

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3C. His **AUTHORITY**

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

2A. THE **APPEARANCE** OF JESUS CHRIST TO THOMAS - 20:24-29

1B. The **EXPLANATION** for this special appearance - 24

2B. The **EVIDENCE** which Thomas wanted - 25

"I will not believe" – double negative (You will never make me believe)

3B. The **ENTRANCE** of Jesus - 26

4B. The **ENCOURAGEMENT** to believe - 27

5B. The **EXPRESSION** of faith - 28

Cf. *Psa. 30:2; 35:24; 86:15; 88:1; Hosea 2:23*

6B. The **EXHORTATION** for all of us - 29

3A. HIS **ADMONITION** TO ALL - 20:30-31

1B. **REALIZE** that Jesus did more miracles than are recorded in this book - 30

2B. **REMEMBER** why these miracles are used in the book of John - 31a

3B. **REJOICE** in the gift of eternal life - 31b

**THREE EXAMPLES OF FAITH – JOHN 20**

1. John - **20:8-9** – Intellectual – **v. 9** – "knowing the scripture"

2. Mary - **20:16** – Emotional – **v. 17** – "do not cling to me"

3. Thomas - **20:28** – Volitional – **v. 25** – "I will not believe"

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 49

## “HOW TO CATCH FISH”

*John 21:1-14*

### 1A. THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS APPEARANCES - 21:1-2 & 14

1B. To PROVE to them that He was alive - 1

“showed Himself” - cf. *Acts 1:3* - cf. *John 1:31; 2:11; 1 John 3:1-3*

2B. To PROCLAIM to them the message and instruction about the kingdom of God - cf. *Acts 1:3*

3B. To PREPARE them for the great ministry they would have  
cf. *Acts 1:4, 8*

### 2A. THEIR INABILITY TO CATCH FISH - 21:3-5

1B. Their RESPONSE to the resurrection - cf. v. 1

“after these things” - v. 3 - “I am going fishing”

2B. Their REALIZATION that something was wrong - 3

“caught no fish” - cf. *Luke 5:1-11*

1C. Fisherman by profession

2C. Familiar with the lake (Sea of Galilee)

3C. Fishing at the best time (night)

3B. Their RECOGNITION of Jesus - 4

“did not know that it was Jesus” - cf. *20:14*

4B. The REMINDER of their failure and need of instruction - 5

Children (PAIDIA) - ones needing instruction and discipline

Only time used of His disciples – boys still under instructor.

### 3A. THE INSTRUCTION OF JESUS - 21:6-11

1B. It involves FAITH in what He says we should do - even though you think it should be done in another way - 6

NOTE: He controls the sea and the fish (tax in mouth of fish, whale/Jonah, etc.)

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He could have:

- 1C. Created the fish
  - 2C. Guided the fish into the net
  - 3C. Saw them coming, told the disciples were to cast
- 2B. It involves **FINDING** what you are seeking - "you will find some"  
"they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish"
- cf. *Ephesians 3:20-21*
- 3B. It involves **FELLOWSHIP** with Him – 7-10
- 1C. The **Realization** that it was the Lord - 7a (by John)
  - 2C. The **Reaction** of Peter - 7b  
cf. *Matthew 14:22-33*
  - 3C. The **Reception** that was waiting for them - 9-10  
*James 4:8* - "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you"  
Cf. *Isaiah 55:6-7*
- 4A. THE **INVITATION** OF JESUS - 21:12-14
- 1B. The **PROMISE** - 12-13  
"Come and eat breakfast" - He will feed you! - cf. *Luke 12:37; Rev. 3:20*  
ARISTAO "break a fast" - cf. *Luke 11:37*
  - 2B. The **PROBLEM** we usually have  
"none of the disciples dared ask Him, 'Who are You' - knowing that it was the Lord"... We often question His invitation and promises, instead of simply responding!
  - 3B. The **PURPOSE** for all of this - 14  
"third time" - to give them assurance and proof - because He intends to use them mightily!
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – still had doubts – *John 20:25*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday unbelief rebuked – *Mark 16:14*
  - In Galilee on Mt. - some doubted – *Matt. 28:17*

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Message No. 50

**“FOLLOW ME!”**

*John 21:15-25*

## 1A. THE INQUIRY OF JESUS TO PETER - 21:15-17

1B. The WORDS that were used:

1C. AGAPAO - twice by Jesus; none by Peter

2C. PHILEO - once by Jesus; three times by Peter

2B. The WAY Jesus dealt with him:

1C. He Called him by his given name not his new name  
“Simon, son of Jonah” - cf. *John 1:41-42*

2C. He Continued to ask him three times - reminder of Peter’s denial

3C. He Confronted Peter about his previous statements  
“do you love Me MORE THAN THESE” Is He referring to the fish, or  
the other disciples?

cf. *Matthew 26:33-35*

“more than” - comparative adjective

“these” - demonstrative pronoun masculine or neuter plural

4C. He Convicted Peter by changing the word for love - 17  
“Peter was grieved” - cf. *Eph. 4:30*

3B. The WORK which Jesus wanted him to do:

1C. “Feed (BOSKE) My lambs (ARNIA)

2C. “Tend (POIMAINO) My sheep (PROBATIA)”

3C. “Feed (BOSKE) My sheep (PROBATIA)”

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NOTES:

- (1) The lambs and sheep belong to the Lord - "MY"
- (2) The "lambs" are young sheep - newly born - new converts?
- (3) The responsibilities include feeding as well as tending (POIMAINO)  
tending involves care of wounds, discipline, leadership, etc.)

2A. THE **IMPERATIVE** OF DISCIPLESHIP - 21:18-24

1B. As to the **COST** involved - 18-19

1C. The **Price** involves death - cf. *Luke 9:23*

2C. The **Purpose** involves the glory of God - cf. *I Cor. 10:31*

2B. As to the **CONCERNS** of others - 20-23  
"But, Lord, what about this man?"

3B. As to the **COMMITMENT** He wants:

v. 19 - "Follow Me"

v. 22 - "You follow Me"

3A. THE **IMPOSSIBILITY** OF RECORDING ALL THAT JESUS DID - 21:24-25