

FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – *John Chapter 1:10-34*

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OPENING PRAYER

The Gospel According to John:

- To fully understand this Gospel, we need to understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit in writing it, which is given to us in (*Joh 20:30-31*) *And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

THIS WEEK'S STUDY:

*John Chapter 1 – The Eternal Word - (vs. 1-5); John's Witness: The True Light – (vs. 6-12); The Word Becomes Flesh – (vs. 14-18); A Voice in the Wilderness – (vs. 19-28); The Lamb of God – (vs.29-34); *The First Disciples* – (vs. 35-42); *Philip and Nathaniel* – (vs. 43-51).*

Review: (*Joh 1:1-9*) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. [4] In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. [6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John (the Baptist). [7] This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. [8] He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. [9] That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.*

The True Light – (vs. 6-12);

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

- **He was in the world! Again the affirmation, the world was made through Him.** But the tragedy is that the world didn't know Him. That remains a tragedy today. So much of the world doesn't know their Creator! Too many are still in darkness. Not having the Light of life. Jesus said to His disciples, (*Mat 5:14*) *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. You are to shine forth in the darkness of this world! The church is to be the light of the world. Jesus said concerning the church, (*Mat 16:18b*) the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it! The Light cannot be extinguished!*
- **Christ was in the world, as the essential Word, before His incarnation, upholding all things.** This speaks of His being in the world when He took our nature upon Himself, dwelling among us. (*Joh 16:28*). *I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.* He left a world of bliss and glory, and was here in this miserable world. He undertook to reconcile the world to God, and to satisfy God's justice for the world, and to discover God's favor to the world.
- **He was in the world, but not of it, and speaks with an air of triumph** when He can say, (*Joh 17:11*) *Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.* The greatest honor that ever was put upon this world was that the Son of God was once *in the world*. It should turn our hearts to things above, where Christ is, reconciling us to our present life in *this world* where Christ was once here. So, it will be said of us shortly, we were in the world. O that when we are here no more, we may be where Christ is! We so look forward to that day!

Joh 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

- **He came to His own. So John came for a witness. He wasn't the light**, but He came to bear witness of that Light, the true Light that lights every man who comes into the world. In the world made by Him, but the world did *not receive Him!* He came to His own and this is the real tragedy, He was not received by His own in Israel!
- **God had promised His coming.** (*Isa 9:6-7*) *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.* The promise of the Messiah to come and reign. **He came to His own, but tragically, His own received Him not!**
- **The prophecy of (Isa 53:3) He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.** Despised and rejected. As Daniel prophesied, (*Dan 9:26a*) *"And after the sixty-two weeks, Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.* Thus, He was cut off. He came to His own, His own received Him not!

Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right (authority, power) **to become children of God** (very real, definite change in nature), **to those who believe in His name:**

- **The scriptures said, (Rom 8:15, 17) For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."** [17] *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.* But now I am a son of God through faith in Jesus Christ. **I've been given that power, that authority to be a son of God!** How well can we grasp that?
- **But as many as received Him.** The second phrase describes the first. **To receive Him, who is the Word of God, means to acknowledge His claims, placing one's faith in Him, and thereby yielding allegiance to Him.** God has given to us, who believe in Jesus Christ and who have received Him, He's given us the power to become the sons of God. (*1Jn 3:1*) *Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*
- **The true Christian's description is that he receives Christ, and believes on His name.** The latter explains the former. **First, to be a Christian indeed is to believe on Christ's name.** It is to agree to the gospel discovery, and consent to the gospel's proposal, concerning Him. His name is *the Word of God; the King of kings, the Lord our righteousness; Jesus a Savior.* Now to believe on His name is to acknowledge that He is what these great names speak Him to be, and to agree that He may be so to us.
- **Secondly, Believing in Christ's name is receiving Him as a gift from God.** We must receive His doctrine as true and good; receive His law as just and holy; **receive His offers** as kind and advantageous. **We must receive** the image of His grace, and impressions of His love, as the governing principle of our affections and actions.
- **It is the unspeakable privilege of all good Christians, that they have become the children of God.** They were by nature children of wrath, children of this world. If they be the *children of God*, they become so. God calls them *His children*, they call Him *Father*, and are entitled to all the privileges of children.
- **The privilege of adoption is entirely owing to Jesus Christ. He gave this power, this right, to them that believe on His name.** God is His Father, and so He is ours. It is by virtue of our espousals to Him, and union with Him, that we stand related to God as a Father. It was in Christ that we were *predestined to adoption*; from Him, we receive both the character and the Spirit of adoption.

Joh 1:13 who were born, not of blood (not blood heritage even to Abraham), **nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man** (by training, teaching of man), **but of God.**

- **Who were born.** All the children of God are born again; all that are adopted are regenerated. This *real* change, for evermore, is that of the one who is born again! Wherever God confers the dignity of children, He creates the nature and disposition of children. Men cannot do so when they adopt. Now here we have an account of the origin of this new birth.
- **Not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh.** It is not propagated, reproduced, by natural generation from our parents. It is *not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh*. Man is called *flesh and blood*, as born from his original parents, but we do not become the children of God, as we become the children of our natural parents. Grace does not run in the blood, as corruption does. Sinful man *begot a son in his own likeness (Gen 5:3) And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.* But man, sanctified and renewed, does not beget a son in *that* likeness. This New Testament adoption is not found in any natural relation.
- **Nor of the will of man.** It is not *produced* by the natural power of our own will. As it is not of *blood*, nor of *the will of the flesh*, so neither is it of the *will of man*, which struggles under a moral impotency of determining itself what is good, so that the principles of the divine life are not of our own planting. It is all the grace of God that makes us willing to be *His*. Nor can human laws or writings prevail to sanctify and regenerate a soul; if they could, the new birth would be by the will of man.
- **But of God.** Ultimately, it is not a man's will that produces salvation but God's will. The sovereignty of God in salvation. Born again, not by the will of man, the will of the flesh but by God. *(Tit 3:5) not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. (1Jn 5:1) Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.*

The Word Becomes Flesh – (vs. 14-18);

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh (the incarnation of Jesus Christ) and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten (only beloved) of the Father, full (covered over) of grace and truth.

- **And the Word became flesh.** The incarnation. God said, *(Mat 1:23) "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,"* which is translated, *God with us.*
- **And dwelt among us. Tabernacled or made His tent among us, more literally.** The mystery of the incarnation. Paul speaks about it in *(1Ti 3:16) And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.* Jesus is God manifested in the flesh! The Bible is very clear and very distinct in this declaration, affirming over and over that God was manifested in the flesh in the person, of course, of Jesus.
- **(Heb 1:1-2) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, [2] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;** (Again, the declaration that Jesus was the active One in the creation of the universe.).
- **The book of Hebrews declaring much the same concerning Jesus Christ, the Creator, but He is the outshining of the glory of God.** He is the *express image* of God. That is why in *(Joh 14:9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*
- **So He was the express image of God manifested in the flesh.** "The Word was made flesh and dwelt (pitched His tent) among us." *(1Jn 1:1) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life.*
- **We beheld His glory.** Here John tells us that *"we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten* (only beloved one) *of the Father, full of grace and truth..* The *only begotten of the Father.* *(Joh 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* There are those who say, we're all sons of God. Trying to

put yourself on a par with Jesus, not so! We are sons by adoption. He is the *only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- **(Isa 40:5) The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." (Joh 17:4, 5, 24) I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. [5] And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. [24] "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**
- **The Mormons would make Jesus a brother to Lucifer.** But that would then imply that Lucifer was begotten by God. But the declaration is that Jesus is the only begotten of the Father. And full of grace and full of truth.

Joh 1:15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.

- **John bore witness of him. This is a discussion, designed to prove to you that Jesus is the Son of God.** John is going to bring before us various witnesses to bear witness of this fact. The first witness that he gives is John the Baptist. He will later bring in God as a witness. He will bring in the Holy Spirit as a witness to bear witness that Jesus is the Son of God. So he's presenting the case bringing the witnesses to verify the truth that he is affirming, in this Gospel.
- **There is a very interesting scripture in Isaiah that says, (Isa 55:10-11) "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, [11] So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. The purpose for which God has sent this gospel of John is to confirm and affirm to you that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. God's word will not return void! Thus, as a person reads, faith is planted in their heart to believe Jesus is as the Son of God. *John bore witness of Him.***
- He **cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred (3x in this chapter) before me, for He was before me.** John the Baptist was a cousin to Jesus. John was born before Jesus, half a year or so older than Jesus. But John affirms, **(Joh 1:15) John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me,** indicating the pre-existence of Jesus in glory!
- **John the Baptist's testimony confirms John the apostle's statement** regarding the eternity of the Incarnate Word!

Joh 1:16 And of His fullness (pleraoma – fulfilling, completion)we have all received, and grace for grace (emphasizing the super abundance of grace).

- **And of His fullness we have all received.** All the attributes of God are summed up in Christ (**Col 2:9) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and so used here by John of the Incarnate Logos (**Eph 3:19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.****
- **Grace for grace. This phrase emphasizes the super abundance of grace** that has been displayed by God toward mankind, especially believers. (**Eph 2:7) that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**
- **We have received grace for grace. Our giftings by Christ are all summed up in this one word, grace!** We have received even *grace*, so great a gift, so rich, so invaluable; we have received no less than *grace*. This is a gift to be spoken of with an emphasis!
- **The blessing received. It is grace; the good will of God towards us,** and the good work of God in us. God's good will works the good work, and then the good work qualifies us for further tokens of His good will. As the cistern receives water from the fulness of the fountain, the branches sap from the fulness of the root, and the air, light from the fulness of the sun, so we receive *grace* from the fulness of Christ.

- **The manner of its reception: *Grace for grace.*** The phrase is singular, and interpreters put different senses upon it, each of which will be of use to illustrate the unsearchable riches of the grace of Christ. *Grace for grace* indicates the freeness of this *grace*. It is *grace for grace*' sake, so we receive *grace*, not for our sakes, but even so, Father, because it seemed good in Your sight. It is a gift according to *grace*, (**Rom 12:6a**) *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them. (Eph 1:6) to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

Joh 1:17 For the law (preparatory, schoolmaster) was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- **We beheld His glory, as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. We beheld that.** John said, I was a witness. But now John the Baptist is bearing witness of this. *For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ*, coming into the world! That is the whole meaning and purpose of His incarnation. Are we, am I, rejoicing in the blessings of *grace*, no longer under the law? (**Heb 8:6**) *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.* We say, Amen! To that!
- **The law, given through Moses, was not a display of God's grace but God's demand for holiness.** God designed the law as a means to demonstrate the unrighteousness of man in order to show the need for a Savior, Jesus Christ. (**Rom 3:19-20**) *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. [20] Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*
- **Furthermore, the law revealed only a part of truth and was preparatory in nature.** The reality or full truth toward which the law pointed came through the person of Jesus Christ. (**Gal 3:23-26**) *But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. [24] Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. [25] But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. [26] For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

Joh 1:18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

- **Again, the emphasis, “the only begotten Son,” Who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. Or manifested Him or led Him forth** in full revelation. He has revealed Him. The Bible says that no man can look on God and live. When Moses asked, “I’d like to see You. God said, You can’t see Me, and live, Moses. You stay in the cleft of the rock, I’ll pass by, and you can see the afterglow, (**Exo 33:20, 22**) *But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live. [22] So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.* That was so powerful it irradiated his face. When Moses came down, he had to cover it with a veil. But you can’t see God and live. But *the only begotten Son, in the bosom of the Father, He has manifested, revealed Him unto us.*
- **He has declared Him! John meant that all that Jesus is and does, interprets and explains who God is and what He does, (Joh 14:8-9) Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." [9] Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"**

The Testimony of John the Baptist A Voice in the Wilderness – (vs. 19-28)

Joh 1:19 Now this is the testimony (record) of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

- **John was down at the river Jordan baptizing and thousands of people were coming down.** He was a popular prophet. The people were drawn to him. So the priests sent their emissaries down to ask him the question, Just who are you anyhow? And they asked him, By what authority do you baptize these people? So they came down.

- **John the Baptist.** was born into a priestly family, belonged to the tribe of Levi. He began his ministry in the Jordan Valley when he was approximately twenty-nine or thirty years old, boldly proclaiming the need for spiritual repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah. He was the cousin of Jesus Christ and served as His prophetic forerunner. (*Mal 3:1*) "*Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,*" Says the LORD of hosts.

Joh 1:20-21 *He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." [21] And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."*

- **Are you the Prophet?** The one that Moses prophesied, (*Deu 18:15*) "*The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.* Are you that prophet? And he answered, No. Then, who are you?
- **This is an interesting thing here when they asked Him, Are you Elijah?** *He answered, No.* Yet before his birth, his father, Zacharias, was a priest, who had come in to serve his two-week temple service term, of serving incense. When he went in to offer the incense, the angel Gabriel was standing there beside the altar. Gabriel said, Fear not, Zacharias. Your prayer has been heard. What prayer? Zacharias and his wife were very old. They had been praying that God would give them a child, a son. When the angel said, Your wife, Elizabeth, is going to conceive and bear a son, even though she was old and stricken in years, Zacharias doubted. The angel said, you will be given a sign! You won't be able to speak until the day that the child is born. The angel told him that **John the Baptist would go forth in the spirit and the power of Elijah to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers.**
- **The last chapter of the Old Testament, (*Mal 4:5-6*)** *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. [6] And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.* God promised, prophesying that He was going to send Elijah again, to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers and that Elijah would be the forerunner of the Messiah and the Kingdom Age. So the Jews have been looking for Elijah. At their Passover Feast, they always leave the door open. They always set an extra plate at the table, just in case Elijah shows up this year. The forerunner of the Messiah. It's a promise in Malachi.
- **Jesus, after Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, when He heard of John's death** said, (*Mat 11:7b, 9-10, 14*) *What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? [9] But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. [10] For this is he of whom it is written: 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'* [14] *And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.* Jesus said, Yes, more than a prophet, declaring that John the Baptist was Elijah. If you're able to receive it, this is Elijah of whom the scriptures spoke.
- **Now if Jesus said he was Elijah, why is it that John said he wasn't Elijah?** Because the prophecy of Elijah's coming in Malachi Chapter 5, **is the coming of Elijah before the Lord comes in glory to establish His kingdom.** So when they said to Jesus, How is it then that the scriptures say Elijah must first come? Jesus said, Elijah shall first come. But if you can receive it, John was Elijah.
- **John went forth in the spirit and the power of Elijah, but he wasn't the fulfillment of the prophecy** of Elijah's coming to prepare the way of the Messiah and the establishing of the kingdom. So that John said, No. In other words, I'm not here as the fulfillment of the prophecy that's going to set up the kingdom of God, but yet, he was there in the spirit and the power of Elijah as a forerunner. But Elijah shall come.
- **In (*Rev 11:3*)** *And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.* **We read of the two witnesses. Certainly,** one of those two witnesses will be Elijah. The other one we don't know for certain. So are you then Elijah? No, I'm not. Are you the prophet? No.

Joh 1:22-23 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" [23] He said: "I am 'THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' ' as the prophet Isaiah said."

- **In those days whenever a king was going to travel throughout the province or the kingdom, there would be forerunners who would go before the king** to get together crews of people to repair all the highways. Removing the rocks, filling in the low places, and just smoothing the way so that when the king came, he would have a smooth ride. Prepare the way for the king is coming was the idea. Prepare the roads, get things ready, get things spruced up. The king is coming. So John said, that's what I am. I'm just one that's gone before to tell everybody, Prepare things, the King is coming! (***Isa 40:3***) *The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.*

Joh 1:24-25 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. [25] And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

- **Why then do you baptize?** John focused attention on his position as the forerunner of Messiah, who used traditional baptism for Gentiles who came into Judaism, as a symbol of the need to recognize those Jews who were outside God's saving covenant. They too, needed spiritual cleansing, preparation and repentance for the Messiah's advent.

Joh 1:26-28 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. [27] It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." [28] These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing

- **John the Baptist's words here continue a theme of the pre-eminence of the Messiah** demonstrating extraordinary humility. Each time John had opportunity to focus on himself in these encounters, he instead shifted the focus onto the Messiah! John went so far as to state that he, unlike a slave that was required to remove his master's shoes, was not even worthy of performing this action in relationship to the Messiah.

***Behold, the Lamb of God* – (vs. 29-34)**

Joh 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- **John's proclamation concerning Jesus. The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!** The people were very familiar with lambs being used as a sacrifice in the sin offerings. They were familiar with the experience of their fathers in Egypt where the lamb was sacrificed, and the blood put on the side doorposts and upon the lintel of the house, so that the first born would not be slain. Also they were familiar with the sacrificial lambs in order to put away sin. So the declaration as John saw Jesus, "*Behold the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world.*"
- **Peter later writing said, (1Pe 1:18-19) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** Jesus became God's sacrificial Lamb to put away our sins!
- **In Genesis, we read concerning Abraham, who was commanded of the Lord to offer to Him his son,** his only son Isaac, whom he loved. To offer him as a sacrifice on the mount that God would show him. Early the next morning, Abraham gathered his servants and with Isaac they journeyed for three days from Hebron until they came to Mount Moriah there at Jerusalem. As Abraham had the servants wait at the base of the mountain, he and his son started up the mountainside. Isaac said, Dad, you have forgotten something. We've got the wood. We have the fire, but you forgot the sacrifice!
- **Abraham said, Son, Jehovah-Jireh, God will provide Himself a sacrifice.** As he built the altar, putting Isaac on it, as he raised the knife, God said, Okay, hold it, that's far enough! Behold, a ram is caught in the thicket, take, and offer it. Now I see that you would not withhold anything from Me. So Abraham called the place, Jehovah Jireh, saying, **The Lord will provide, In the mount of the Lord, it**

shall be seen (Gen 22:3-14).

- So they were familiar with sacrifices. So, John is declaring, *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.* There on Mount Moriah, where Abraham offered Isaac, there God offered His only begotten Son, whom He loved, to be the sacrifice for our sins!

Joh 1:30-33 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me. [31] I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.' [32] ***And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. [33] I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.***

- **John said, I saw the Spirit of God just coming like a dove, descending, and remaining upon Him.** The One that sent me to baptize, I didn't know who the Messiah was, but He told me that whoever I saw the Spirit descending and remaining on Him, that was the One! He will baptize with the Holy Spirit. ***(Mat 3:11-12) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [12] His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.***

Joh 1:34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.'

- So here's our witness. These things we write unto you that you might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and by believing. So here is the witness, John says, ***I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God!*** So now, we have our first witness of the fact that Jesus is the Son of God!
- ***The Son of God.*** Although, in a limited sense, believers can be called "sons of God" (*Joh 1:12*), John uses this phrase with the full force as a title that points to the unique oneness and intimacy that Jesus sustains to the Father as "Son." The term carries the idea of the deity of Jesus as Messiah.
- ***Jesus Is Equal with God.*** (*Joh 5:18*) ***Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.***
- ***The Authority of the Son.*** (*Joh 5:19, 24, 25*) ***Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. [24] "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. [25] Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.***
- ***Witnesses to Jesus.*** (*Joh 5:30*) ***I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not see k My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. (Psa 2:7) "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. (Heb 1:1-2) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, [2] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.***
- **Our Lord Jesus Christ! He is the Lamb of God! He is the Son of God! What a Savior! He is the King of Kings!**

CLOSING SONG:

KING OF KINGS Song by Hillsong Worship (4:22/4:25)

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light. 'Til from Heaven You came running There was

*mercy in Your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets. To a virgin came the word. From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt.
(Refrain) Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one. God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings
To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross. For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died (Refrain)
And the morning that You rose All of Heaven held its breath. 'Til that stone was moved for good. For the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe. For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored. And the church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His name, In His freedom I am free! For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me! (Refrain)
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study John Chapters 1 & 2

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