

John's "Spiritual" Gospel

Lesson Two

Introduction: Jesus is not just the son of God

[John 1:19-50].....Who's the Christ & Who's NOT the Christ

Vss.19-28 John the Baptist is **NOT** the Christ

vs. 23 Then who is he? "*I am the voice of the one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord'.*"

vs. 26 John's Baptism was for Repentance and Preparation
"...one you do not know" -Author's possibly using Luke 1:44,
familiar story

Vss. 29-34 Jesus is the "Lamb of God"

vs. 29 "What is the **SIN** of the world?"

NOTE: The prophecy used for understanding John the Baptist as being Elijah is Malachi 4:5-6

Vs. 33 "...the one who sent me" – this phrase is used twenty-six times, but only here does it refer to John the Baptist.

NOTE: There is no story of Jesus' baptism in John – only the contrast between John's and Jesus' baptism.

NOTE: There is no story of Jesus being tempted by Satan in John's gospel, because the Johannine Jesus was always in communion with God the Father.

Vss. 35-50 *Emphasis* on "Come and See"

- John the Baptist's disciples "come and see" Jesus and leave John
- Both Andrew and Phillip tell Peter and Nathanael, and they follow

NOTE: There is no virgin birth narrative in John's gospel.

Vss.50-51 A greater reality for Nathanael and all will be seen in Jesus Christ.

[John 2:1-25].....Christ at Work!

Vss.1-11 Themes in The Wedding of Cana Story:

vs. 4 Jesus is God!

Jesus, a social animal?

Jesus cares about us wholly

vs.6-8 Jesus blesses in abundance/extravagance {a theme of John}

Was it real wine or grape juice(vs.10)? - Wrong focus!

(vs.11) The disciples' initial faith *was* strengthened because of what they saw

Vss. 12-25 Jesus Clears the Temple (clash with the Synoptics)

vs. 13 Passover occurs **THREE** times in John (Not Chronological)

Story is placed at beginning of Jesus Ministry

vs. 15 Not presented this way in Synoptics

vs. 19 Synoptics' purpose is to show that the temple is "for all the nations"

NOTE: *John's point is to show the relation between the temple and Jesus' body*

The temple-body comparison was also Jesus' authority(vs. 18)

vs. 21-22 John's and Disciples' excuse for insecurities and doubts

vs. 24-25 Jesus was **OMNISCIENT**

NEXT - Chapters 3-5