

# JOHN 1:19-2:12

January 21, 2021

1. Think about what it was like when you were first introduced to Jesus. What are some of the main truths of the person of Christ that touched your heart?

How do you describe Jesus when you share your faith story with others?

2. In today's passages, we will read about some individuals and their realizations of Jesus when they were getting to know Him. Read the following passages and list these people and their specific observations about who Jesus was.

John 1:28-29 and 1:34

John 1:35-38

John 1:40-41

John 1:43-45

John 1:46-49

What are some things we can learn about sharing Christ with others when reading these passages?

3. Read John 1:6-8 along with John 1:19-28. Who was questioning the identity of John the Baptist and why did they question him?

Who does John declare that he is? Also read Isaiah 40:3.

Read John 1:24-27 again. What insights do we glean about John and Jesus from John's reply to the religious leaders' question?

4. The next day John shared much more about Jesus. Read John 1:29-34, along with Matthew 3:13-17. What took place during Jesus' baptism, which convinced John that Jesus was the Son of God?

How would you compare the way John baptized with the way Jesus baptized, according to John 1:29-34? Read Mark 1:4-5, 8 and Ephesians 1:13-14 for more insight.

5. Jesus begins to call His first disciples in John 1:35-42. What things stand out to you about their responses to Jesus?

From these verses we learn that these men heard, followed, sought, came, stayed and shared. Reread verses 35-42 and find these actions. What parts of this story were true in your life when you first began to know Jesus? Please share.

6. Read John 1:43-51. Who are the two newest disciples?

What convinces Nathanael that Jesus is no ordinary man?

Some people believe that Nathanael had been meditating on Jacob under the fig tree because of Jesus' comments to Nathanael in verse 51. Read verse 51 again, along with Genesis 28:10-13. According to Jesus, who will replace the ladder that brought communication between God and man?

Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6. How would the Son of Man accomplish building a ladder between God and men?

7. The first miracle of Jesus was a private one. Read about this miracle in John 2:1-11 and list the few people who would have known about it.

Read verses 1-5 again. While Mary may not have been expecting a miracle here, what do her statements to Jesus reveal about her expectations of her son?

Jesus' response to Mary in John 2:4 is interesting. What do you think He means here? Also read John 5:30.

8. Read John 2:6-10. The stone water jars were used for the Jews to be cleansed and purified before and after meals. Using these jars to serve wine would have been unthinkable for a Jew under the law. Consider the response of the master of the feast. What do we learn from the fact that the wine of Christ was superior to the wine of those bound to Jewish rituals? Read 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 7:6 and Romans 10:4.

Who is the good wine that had been kept until now? Read Galatians 4:4-5.

Record some of the joys that have replaced legalistic strongholds in your life because of your faith in Christ.

9. Read John 2:11-12. What was the result of the first miracle of Jesus for both Jesus and His disciples?

What was the result in your life when you first understood the joy that Jesus brings?

10. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

## “WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

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### JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY

#### \*JOHN THE BAPTIST'S TESTIMONY

1:19-34

God Himself sent John the Baptist to shine a light on the realities of Jesus. John was the voice, but Jesus is the Word.

#### ***THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD***

*In one masterful sentence, John summarized God's entire redemptive program.*

#### ***THE SON OF GOD***

*Jesus sustains a unique oneness with the Father that testifies of His deity.*

#### \*ANDREW'S TESTIMONY

1:35-42

John's disciples desired to know Jesus because of John's testimony about Him. As their souls were awakening to Jesus, it was Jesus who initiated a relationship.

#### ***THE MESSIAH***

*The Messiah was the promised Anointed One who would come as prophet, priest and king.*

#### \*PHILIP AND NATHANAEAL'S TESTIMONY

1:43-51

The witness of John the Baptist spread from the Jordan Valley into Galilee.

#### ***THE ONE OF WHOM MOSES AND THE PROPHETS WROTE***

*Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament Scripture.*

#### ***THE KING OF ISRAEL***

*As the King of Israel, Jesus will one day fulfill all God's plans and purposes for this nation.*

#### \*MARY AND THE MASTER OF THE WEDDING FEAST'S TESTIMONY

2:1-12

Jesus began His public ministry with a private miracle that displayed His glory.

#### ***TRUSTWORTHY***

*Mary submitted to the will of Jesus as He submitted to the will of His Father.*

#### ***NEW WINE***

*Jesus is the new wine bringing joy and an abundant life for all who will drink from His cup.*

### JESUS' MINISTRY TODAY

We are called to: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

***When we know who Jesus is, we are used by Him to bless the world.***

**JESUS the WORD – John 1:19 – 2:12**

**January 20-21, 2021**

**ISAIAH 40:3** A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

**MALACHI 3:1a** “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.”

**ISAIAH 53:7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

**1 PETER 1:18-19** [K]nowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

**MARK 1:9-11** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**JOHN 14:8-10a** Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?”

**LUKE 24:27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**JEREMIAH 29:13** “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

**MATTHEW 11:28** “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**PSALM 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**PSALM 40:10** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.