



BIBLE STUDY

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Theme: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John: That You May Believe

Theme Verse: John 20:31

Lesson Theme: THE WITNESSES!

Scripture: John 1:19-51

I. THE WITNESSES

A. Witness of John the Baptist – VV. 19-36; 3:22-36

1. John the Baptist was Clear He Was not the Christ.

➤ I _____ with H _____. We need to be clear on who we are in God's kingdom so that we can effectively point others to Jesus for salvation.

2. Questions Asked and Answered – VV. 19-28

- "Who are you" – (v. 19)
- "What then? Are you Elijah?" (v. 21) (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 4:5)
- "Are you the prophet?" (v.21) (Deut. 18:15)
- "Who are you, so that we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" (v. 22) (Isaiah 40:3)
- "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" (v. 25)

➤ E _____ scrutiny when you step into your C _____.

➤ H _____ about your limitations builds T _____.

- People will try to L_____ you – stay R_____ in your true I_____.
- Know your L_____; F_____ on your P_____.
- John's Birth – Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-80
- Jesus' Cousin – Luke 1:36-37
- John's Ministry – Matthew 3:1-15; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-20
- John's Death – Mathew 14:1-12 (Between A.D. 28 and 30 at the fortress of Machaerus by order of Herod Antipas).

B. Witness of Andrew – VV 37-42

- Jesus' R_____ is not a lecture but an I_____ to experience Him P_____.
- R_____ others' P_____.
- Don't L_____ people to what they currently are.

C. Witness of Philip – VV. 43-46

- S_____ is N_____;
- respond with I_____ not A_____.

D. Witness of Nathanael – VV. 47-51

- One P_____ encounter can shift your whole P_____.

II. KEY TAKEAWAYS/APPLICATIONS

This describes John the Baptist, Andrew, Philip, and Nathanael—all showing different ways of pointing others to Jesus.

- ✓ A witness knows who they are—and who they are not.
Application: Being a witness starts with humility; You don't have to be the Savior—you just point to Him; You don't need all the answers; you simply need to be authentic.
- ✓ A witness points to Jesus, not themselves.

Application: Your life and words should shift the focus from you to Christ; Witnessing is less about performance and more about direction: “Look at Him.”

- ✓ A witness speaks from personal experience.
Application: Share what Jesus has done for “you”; People respond more to experiences than arguments.
- ✓ A witness invites others personally.
Application: *Witnessing often happens through personal relationships; A simple invitation—“come and see”—is powerful; You don’t have to convince someone; just invite them.*
- ✓ A witness grows through following.
Application: The strength of your witness grows from your walk with Jesus; The more you know Him, the more naturally you can share Him.
- ✓ A witness sees others through Jesus’ eyes.
Application: When witnessing, see people with hope—not judgment; God may be growing them into someone you can’t yet see.
- ✓ A witness can start small.
Application: Don’t debate people into faith; Kindness and invitation work better than arguments.

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