



BIBLE STUDY

October 20, 2026

Scripture: John 4:1-3

John 4 Theme: Transformational Encounters with Jesus Christ!

Topic: The Spiritual Discernment of Jesus Christ

- Jesus' Discernment (v. 1)
 - Spiritual Discernment: The process of assessing and evaluating beliefs, claims, and actions, particularly in relation to trying to determining God's will in a particular situation or life direction. This is an ability and power from The Holy Spirit that operates in the life of the believer. It is NOT a magical spiritual "sixth sense." Rather, it is an ability for all growing believers who yield to the divine direction and employ wisdom in situations and decision-making.
 - There is a _____ between Spiritual Discernment and the Gift of Discernment of the Spirit.
 - The Importance of Spiritual Discernment
 - Cultivating Spiritual Discernment
 - We should be led by the _____, not by our own _____.
- Jesus' Reminder that People are Watching You and Keeping Track of You. (v. 1)
 - Beware of False Information and False Narratives
 - The wrong information can cause major problems, and have intentional or unintentional _____.

- Be Careful How We Respond
 - We are always representing _____!
- Jesus' Model for Discipleship and Growth God (v. 2)
 - The Lord gives us power to _____.
 - The Lord gives us power to _____ and make _____.
- Jesus' Lesson in Humility AND Doing What's best for Ministry and the Kingdom of God (v. 3)
 - Messianic Secret?
 - The Messianic Secret is the phrase referring to Jesus' instructions to His disciples not to proclaim Him as the Messiah- at least not publicly (Mark 8:30; Mark 9:9; Mark 1:25 & 34).
 - Evidence in John Chapters 1-3
 - The Necessity of the Messianic Secret: 1 Corinthians 2:1-9
 - Jesus left to Prevent Potential Strife that Could Hurt Ministry
 - Jesus Understood there was Vital Ministry to Be Done Elsewhere
 - Do Not Be Afraid to Explore New _____ and Arenas for Ministry.
- How to Cultivate Spiritual Discernment
 - Consistent Prayer Life
 - Consistent Study of the Word
 - Consistent Obedience to God
 - Consistent Recognition and Repentance of Sins.
 - Consistent Development of Sensitivity to God's Voice and Directions