John Lesson 4

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INTRODUCTION

- These are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his name.
- But the purpose for his coming was in order that you and I might have life through his name.

1 The First Day: Priests and Levites Sent to John

John 1:19–28

- The first day that is mentioned is the time when the Jewish leaders from Jerusalem sent out certain priests and Levites to John the Baptist.
- John the Baptist told these rulers from Jerusalem that he was simply the one who was to come preparing the way.

2 The Second Day: Jesus Is the Lamb of God

John 1:29–34; Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 1:18–19

- It is on this occasion that John clearly testified, Jesus is the Lamb of God.
- For Jesus is as a lamb, the perfect sacrifice for our sins.
- In a real and literal way, the blood of animals could not take away sin.
- He alone could die for another who is a sinner. He died in our place and for our sins.

3 The Third Day: We Found the Messiah

John 1:35–41

- John the Baptist on this third day pointed out to two of these disciples, behold the Lamb of God.
- John wasn't jealous. But rather, this is the very purpose for which John came preaching.
- When they asked, Where dwellest thou, Jesus simply replied, Come and see.
- He didn't say to Peter, We found a really good man. He simply said, We found the Messiah.

4 Thou Shalt Be Called Cephas, a Stone

John 1:42; Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:11

- Thou art Simon, the son of Jonah. Thou shalt be called Cephas, which is, by interpretation, a stone.
- Jesus was not saying, upon Peter, this little stone will I build my church, but rather upon this mass of rock, petra.
- That is the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Christ is the foundation rock.

5 The Fourth Day: Philip Says Come and See

John 1:43–46; Deuteronomy 18:15–18; Genesis 12:3

- When Philip found Nathaniel, he said unto him, We have found him of whom Moses and the law and the prophets did write.
- He simply said, This is the one we've been looking for.
- Like Moses, Jesus was a lawgiver. Like Moses, Jesus was a deliverer from sin to those who are in its bondage.
- If we're not able to tell it ourselves, we can at least say, like a Philip, come and see.
- We can extend the invitation, like an Andrew, and like a Philip.

6 Thou Art the Son of God, the King of Israel

John 1:47–51; Genesis 28:12; John 5:19–20

- Behold, an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile.
- Jesus told him something no man could know. Really, this is one of the proofs that Jesus is the Son of God.
- He came in the flesh, so in that sense he's the Son of Man. But because he is deity, he is the Son of God.
- He will be one who has perfect communication with the Father.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you be willing to commit your life to Christ?**

MY NOTES