

OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION OF BOOK OF JOHN: 1:1-18

I. PERIOD OF _____ 1:19-71

“Mine hour is not yet come....” 2:4

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| 1. Christ and the disciples | 1:19 – 2:12 | FIRST SIGN | 2:1 - 12 |
| 2. Christ and the Jews | 2:13 – 3:36 | | |
| 3. Christ and the Samaritans | 4:1 – 54 | SECOND SIGN | 4:43 - 54 |
| 4. Christ and the Jewish leaders | 5:1 – 47 | THIRD SIGN | 5:1 - 9 |
| 5. Christ and the multitude | 6:1 – 71 | FOURTH & FIFTH SIGN | 6:1 – 21 |

CRISIS # 1 6:66 – 71 They would not walk with Him

II. PERIOD OF _____ 7:1 – 12:50

“No man laid hands on Him, because His hour was not yet come....” 7:30

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| 1. Conflict over Moses | 7:1 – 8:11 | | |
| 2. Conflict over Abraham | 8:12 – 59 | | |
| 3. Conflict over His Sonship | 9:1 – 10:42 | SIXTH SIGN | 9:1-7 |
| 4. Conflict over His Power | 11:1 – 12:11 | SEVENTH SIGN | 11:38 – 44 |

CRISIS # 2 12:12 – 50 They would not believe on Him

III. PERIOD OF _____ 13:1- 20:42

“Jesus knew that His hour was come...” 13:1

“Father, the hour is come.....” 17:1

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| 1. Climax of preparation for the cross. | 13:1 – 17:26 | | |
| 2. Climax of preparation of the Jews | 18:1 – 19:42 | | |

CRISIS #3 19:13 – 22 They crucified Him

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| 3. Climax of faith for the disciples | 20:1 – 31 | EIGHTH SIGN | 21:1 – 6 |
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Epilogue: 21:1 – 25

INTRODUCTION

I. THEME OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

1. Key verses – John 20:30 – 31 John's theme is simply Christ, the divine Son of God. His book deals with the SIGNS Christ gave to prove His deity. These signs were confirmed by the witness of the disciples and are true and valid. John just wants men to believe in Christ and receive life through His name.
2. Key words – These words are repeated often. Life, believe, light and darkness, truth, witness, world, glory, receive, Father, come, eternal and everlasting. They summarize the gospel of John
3. Comparison with other gospels. The first three gospels are called "The Synoptic gospels" from the Greek word that means "to see together". Matthew, Mark, and Luke view Christ as the SON OF MAN, writing to the Greeks. John presents Christ as the SON OF GOD, and writes for the whole world.
 - Matthew pictures Christ as the _____
 - Mark shows Christ as the _____, especially to the Romans
 - Luke views Christ as the _____, writing to the Greeks
 - John presents Christ as the _____, writes to the whole world.

While the first three gospels deal primarily with the EVENTS in Christ's life, John deals with the MEANINGS of these events. He goes deeper into Christ's heart. Example: The three other gospels tell about the feeding of the 5,000. But John talks about the "Bread of Life".

II. CHRIST IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

John emphasizes the PERSON of Christ as well as His work. He reports several sermons in which Christ talks about Himself and explains His mission. These are expressed in the I AM statements of Christ:

- I AM the _____ 6:35, 41, 48, 51
- I AM the _____ 8:12, 9:5
- I AM the _____ 10:7, 9
- I AM the _____ 11:25
- I AM the _____ 14:6
- I AM the _____ 15:1, 5

God's name is "I AM" which again points to Christ's deity. Exodus 3:14
John over and over presents Christ as the VERY SON OF GOD!

III. SIGNS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

John selects only 7 miracles that Jesus performs for a very specific reason. They tell The story of salvation. John clarifies this in 4:54 "This is again the SECOND miracle..."

The first three miracles show HOW salvation comes:

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| 1. Water into wine | 2:1-11 - | Salvation by the WORD |
| 2. Healing of the nobleman's son | 4:46 – 54 | Salvation by FAITH |
| 3. Healing of the paralytic | 5:1 – 9 | Salvation by GRACE |

The second three miracles show the RESULTS of salvation in our lives

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| 1. Stilling of the storm | 6:15 – 21 | Salvation brings PEACE |
| 2. Healing of the blind man | 9:1 – 7 | Salvation brings LIGHT |
| 3. Raising of Lazarus | 11:38 – 45 | Salvation brings LIFE |

The FOURTH MIRACLE is the turning point (feeding of the 5,000 6:1 – 14) and Shows that Christ uses HUMAN MEANS to bring the miracle of salvation to a lost World: dedicated men must give the Bread of Life to sinners.

The miracles all led to discourses. Nicodemus came to Jesus because of the miracles. The feeding of the 5,000 led to the discourse on the bread of life. The excommunication of the healed blind man (9:34) led to the sermon on the Good Shepherd who never casts anyone out. (10)

IV. FAITH AND UNBELIEF IN JOHN'S GOSPELS

John deals with the conflict between faith and unbelief. The gospel begins even in the first chapter with the unbelief and rejection of Israel (1:11) Finally culminating in the crucifixion...the final rejection. But some received and were blessed. The disciples, the noblemen's family, the Samaritans, a paralytic, a blind man, etc. Today most of the religious world will not believe. The conflict with the Jews begins with the miracle in chapter 5 because Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath. Chapters 7 through 12 the conflict grows as they want to arrest and stone Jesus. Ends with His arrest and crucifixion.

There are three crisis events in John's Gospel.

- Multitudes wanted to make Him king but then left Him.
- Hail Him as King, yet reject Him.
- They cry, "We have no king".

V. FATHER AND SON RELATIONSHIP IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

John reveals many of the secrets of Jesus relationship with the Father. This gives us His keys to walking under authority and in the anointing.

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1. He is operating under the authority of the Father. ***“Of myself I can do nothing”***
2. He shows us THREE key elements of His power on earth:
 - Always did the Father’s _____ 4:34, 5:30, 6:38
 - Always spoke the Father’s _____ 14:24, 12:49
 - Always did the Father’s _____ 5:20, 5:36
3. He spoke of the unity of relationship... “The Father and I are one..”
4. He spoke of the kingdom power in John.

“THE DEITY OF CHRIST”
Three Great Proofs of Christ’s Deity

John Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION: The theme of John’s gospel is that Jesus Christ is the SON OF GOD, and chapter 1 proves His claims. John gives three ways to prove this claim. Because of the **Names** Jesus bears, because of the **Works** he performs, and because of the **Witnesses** who knew Him personally.

I. CHRIST’S NAMES

1. He is the _____ 1:1 – 3, 14

Words reveal our heart and mind... Jesus reveals the heart and mind of the Father to earth and man. “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.” (John 14:9) Jesus is the first and last of the Greek alphabet...Alpha and Omega.

- a. Reveals God’s love... He gave us the word “Love”
- b. Reveals God’s creation “All things were made by Him”
- c. Reveals Gods Grace and truth 1:14 & 17 “Full of Grace and Truth”

2. He is the _____ 1:4 – 13

Jesus is the true LIGHT... source of all light. And God said “Let there be light..and there was light.” (Gen 1)

- a. His light produces life
- b. His light has appeared to ALL men. “Shineth” (Present tense)
Illumination comes by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. **“But as many as received it, to them God gives the power...”**
- c. His light removes darkness
- d. He will be the final light of the universe
Revelation 21:23 **“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.”**

3. He is the _____ 1:15 – 18, 30 – 34, 49

- a. This claim cause Jesus persecution from the Jews
- b. This claim was substantiated by 6 different people
- John the baptist (1:34), Nathanael (20:38), Peter (6:69), Healed blind man (9:35 – 38), Martha (11:27), and Thomas (20:38)
- c. This claim is necessary for salvation 8:24 **“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”**

4. He is the _____ 1:19 – 28, 35 – 42

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This means the Messiah, the Anointed One. Both the Jews and the Samaritans were expecting their Messiah to appear. That's why they questioned John.

- Samaritans John 4:25 ***"The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."***
- Any Jew who made this claim was thrown out of the temple. 9:22 ***"His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue."***

5. He is the _____ 1:29, 35 – 36

Isaac asked the question.. "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8)

- Both the Passover lamb (Ex. 12) and the sacrificial lamb (Isa. 53) point to Christ.
- The Old Testament lamb covered (atoned for) sin, Jesus take our sins away. (Expiation)
- These lambs were for Israel.. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was for the world.

6. He is _____ 1:43 - 49

Nathanael declared Him king – 1:49 ***"Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"***

Jesus declared Himself King. 18:37 ***Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."***

Rome and Pilate declared Him King 19:14 ***"Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"***

7. He is _____ 1:50 – 51

This title comes from Daniel 7:13 – 14 ***"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed."***

This is the hypostatic union of the human and divine natures in Christ.

- Born of women, born under the law....
- Co-existent with the Father forever

We must understand the humanity of Christ to understand how He operated on earth under the authority of the Father. Therefore Jesus could say to us, who are human, in John 14:12 ***"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I***

do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

Because Jesus demonstrated how A MAN can function under the authority of the Father. The principle is the same as the way Jesus functioned as a man.

II. CHRIST'S _____

1. He created the world. 1:1 – 4 Colossians ***“All things were created by Him and for Him, and He is before all things and by Him all things consist.”***
2. He gives men salvation 1:1 – 4
The key to salvation is “RECEIVING” which parallels “BELIEVING”
“But as many as RECEIVED Him, to them God gives the power...”
3. He reveals God 1:15 – 18
What are the key truths He reveals? GRACE and TRUTH
4. He baptizes with the Holy Spirit 1:33
The baptism of the Holy Spirit is from the Father, through Jesus by the Spirit.
This gives us the same empowering that Jesus had for it is the same Spirit that was on Jesus.
5. He has intimate knowledge of men 1:42, 47 – 48
Jesus knew Peter and Nathanael better than they knew themselves.
6. He forgives sin 1:29
Jesus takes away our sin..... removes it, buries it and remembers it no more!
7. He opens the way to heaven 1:50 – 51
Christ is our stairway to heaven!

III. CHRIST'S _____

John uses the word witness throughout the gospel. They had personal contact with Jesus, they even suffered for their witness.. their witness would stand in a court today.

1. John the Baptist 1:7, 15, 29
2. John the Apostle 1:14 “We beheld His glory”
3. The OT Prophets 1:23, 45
4. The Holy Spirit 1:33 – 34
5. Andrew 1:41 Andrew witnessed to Peter and won him...
6. Philip 1:45 He backed up his testimony with the Word of God
7. Nathanael 1:49 John and Andrew were saved through a preacher John the Baptist. Peter found Christ through Andrew, Philip was called personally by Christ; Nathanael found Christ through Philip’s testimony. God uses different people and methods to bring people into the kingdom.

“CHRIST’S FIRST SIGN”

John Chapter 2

INTRODUCTION: Chapter 2 of John is full of symbolic pictures of Jesus and Israel, Jesus and salvation and Jesus and practical lessons from the first sign that Jesus performed. This first great miracle is full of practical and prophetic pictures.

KEY VERSE: Remember John is writing to support his key thought in the book of John: 20:30-31 ***“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”*** We saw in chapter 1 that John gave us three infallible proofs of Jesus deity. Now John begins through first hand reports of Jesus signs to paint a picture of the message John is giving.

- I. Symbols pictured through this sign
- II. Salvation’s pictured through this sign
- III. Simple lessons pictured through this sign

I. _____ pictured

- A. Israel – The wedding feast is God’s invitation to Israel to be His bride, but she refuses to see her Messiah, even though Christ is standing right in their midst.
John 1:11-13 ***“He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”***
 - Israel had run out of wine (joy) and her water pots were empty
 - Six water pots were used for ceremonial cleansing. Outward but not inward.
 - Israel was now without hope. Like empty water pots.
 - The THIRD DAY symbolizes Israel’s return and receiving her Messiah again.
 - Jesus had spoken about three days in the belly of the whale as a sign to Israel.
- B. Wedding feast – Picture of Christ and the church, the bride and the bridegroom.
 - We are referred to as Christ’s bride... parable of the 10 virgins. Oil is intimacy with Him. Only thing that cannot be transferred is intimacy. Some of the bride will run out of oil at the end of this age. Let’s be ready for His return!
 - We are invited to be united to the Bridegroom.

II. _____ pictured

- A. Picture of our _____.
 - We are thirsty. Revelation 22:17
“And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the

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water of life freely.”

- We are empty II Corinthians 4:7

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”

B. Picture of our _____

- We can be filled with the water of His word.. which translates into wine (Joy)
Ephesians 5:26 ***“That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.”***
- The servants knew the truth about the miracle. Those who serve often get the first blessing. All they had to do was to fill the water pots.. Jesus would do the rest.

C. Picture of our _____

- Jesus does the work of transformation. Water to wine!
- We are to distribute the joy of salvation to those who are thirsty.
- Picture of the third day. The first chapter of John covered 5 days so this miracle was performed on the third day of the wedding feast... that would make it the 8th day since Jesus began His ministry. 8 is the picture of the resurrection “first day of the week.” Israel’s rejection of Christ brought gentile salvation and the death, burial and resurrection are the great plan of God to redeem us.

III. Simple _____ pictured.

A. Lesson Mary’s _____ “Whatsoever He says, do it...” 2:5

B. Lesson earthen _____. The foolish things of this world confound the wise.
Earthen vessels...water to wine...?

C. Lesson of servants _____. “though the servants who drew the water knew..”
The greatest blessing came to the servants, not those at the head of the table.

D. Lesson of _____. “mine hour is not yet come”.

MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM

I. Cleansing the temple

- Jesus declares the purity of the temple use. “House of prayer”
- Jesus decries the abuse of the widows in another account. Luke 20:47

II. Claiming authority

- Over God’s house. “Why gave you authority to do this..”?
- Over death (in part preparing the disciples for what’s coming)
- Over understanding all men’s hearts.

“BORN FROM ABOVE”

John Chapter 3

INTRODUCTION: Man looks at life naturally, through the eyes of the flesh. Like Nicodemus, many today have a hard time seeing and believing that the only real “New Birth” comes from heaven, through the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. John 6:44 Jesus said, **“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”** John fully explains this process in this chapter. This truth comes to us because a ruler of Jews came to Jesus by night and asked the question, **“How can a man be born when he is old?”** (v – 4) Let’s study this new birth.

Key Verse: John 3:27 ***John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.”***

- I. The Necessity of the New Birth
- II. The Nature of the New Birth
- III. The Natural reference concerning the New Birth

I. The _____ of the New Birth 3:1-5

1. In order to _____ the kingdom of God.
 - Religion doesn’t get it.. Nicodemus was a teacher, a moral man and religious.
 - The carnal mind cannot receive the things of the Spirit... neither know them.
 - The natural mind can only understand the physical universe. Nicodemus kept referring to the natural birth when Jesus was talking about the Spiritual.
 - Our first birth makes us: Separated from God, spiritually blind, enemies of the cross, and alienated from the life of God.
 - We have to see with the eyes of the spirit of man. That enlightenment comes from the Father by the Holy Spirit
2. In order to _____ the kingdom of God.
 - What is the kingdom?
 - a. Where ever Jesus Christ rules as king. In our hearts first.. then business, marriage, etc.
 - b. Partially now.. completely in the future
 - c. Paul described the kingdom as “Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Starts within and manifests without.
 - d. We enter the kingdom after we see it and believe it is for “Me”
 - e. We must be baptized with the Spirit and Water.
 - Water here can refer to the “Washing of the Word”
 - Water can also also include the “baptism by the Holy Spirit” into His power.

II. The _____ of the New Birth – 3:6 – 13

1. The new birth is a _____ birth. 6 - 7
 - Only the spirit part of man get’s born again. The flesh always stays the flesh!

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Difference between **SALVATION** and **SANCTIFICATION**

- The soul and mind begins to be transformed by renewing and yielding daily
- The flesh must die daily before resurrection life can occur.
- Baptism is a physical thing so this cannot refer to our physically being baptized.
 - a. Baptism is unto death... not birth (Rom. 6:1)
 - b. Salvation is not of works... baptism is a work we do after receiving Christ.
 - c. Christ came to save.. not baptize. (John 4:2)

2. It is a _____ birth. 8 - 10

- The Spirit of God, takes the word of God and reveals the Jesus of God to our hearts who are now enlightened by God. Life is transferred!
- We can share the word as believers with the lost, but we cannot impart life.
- We are called to reconcile man to God... I Cor. 4:15 ***“For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.”***
- Jesus referred to the work of the Spirit as a wind. We cannot see it, but we can feel it. Acts 2

3. It is a _____ birth. Reality is not always in what we feel or see but what we believe. The real world is the spiritual. It represents our eternal state in the kingdom.

III. The Natural example concerning the New Birth – Serpent in the wilderness

1. Jesus goes back on Nicodemus’s level and refers him to the Old Testament.

Numbers 21... the account of the brazen serpent.

- Serpents were biting the Jews and killing them.
- The solution seemed mysterious and strange. Make a brazen serpent. “Look and Live” Looking in faith brought salvation.
- Brass speaks of judgment... Christ came to experience our judgment.
- Christ’s death brings life.

2. Sinners have to believe. 18 – 21

- Faith alone will save you.

Moses was not asked to kill the serpents

Moses was not asked to make salve for the wounds

Moses was not asked to try and protect the people

BUT SIMPLY “LOOK AND LIVE” – The look of faith.

Key: Refusing to look brought certain death. “Light has appeared to all men”
But as many as received Him, to them God gives the right to be sons.

IV. Nicodemus’s response!

1. Darkness of confusion
2. Dawn of conviction
3. Daylight of confession

Jewish questions: Usually to upset and confuse.

- accused Jesus of stealing John’s disciples
- wanted to argue about what the water represents.. “Purification of the Jews”

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- LESSONS:**
1. God promotes from heaven.. not man from earth
“No man can receive anything except it be given him from heaven..”
 2. Promote what God is promoting
 - Prepare the way of the Lord **“I have been sent before Him.”**
 - Promote the ways of the Lord **“He must increase, I must decrease”**
 - Point people to Christ as the **“Way, the truth and the life”**
 3. Our Joy is the Bridegrooms voice – **“Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.”** V – 29

TWO DIVINE ENCOUNTERS

John Chapter 4

INTRODUCTION: Jesus is going back to Galilee and must pass through Samaria. He encounters two people on the way that become His opportunity to share the kingdom. Jesus shows us some of the keys to effective witnessing. Meet people where they are. Use a common everyday item as a way of communicating the gospel (with the woman it was simple water). Talk about their interests not yours and meet the needs of the person to whom you are ministering. These are effective and Jesus shows us as a master witness how they work. But there are also deeper meaning in this chapter that go to some of the core issues of life.

I. Christ's Ministry to the Samaritan Woman 4:1 – 43

We see the stages this woman went through to become a true believer.

1. Her _____ **"You are a Jew"**. She saw nothing more than He was a Jew
 - She questioned his comments. "Are you greater than Jacob?"
 - She was looking to the natural water.. Jesus to the spiritual water
Jesus simple statement opened the witness "Give me a drink"
 - She was ignorant of two things:
 - a. The gift of God
 - b. The identity of Christ

2. Her _____
 - **"You are a prophet"** - Jesus exercised the gift of word of knowledge
 - Jesus one statement brought her conviction "Go, call your husband".
 - a. No true repentance without facing the stronghold
 - b. Her response is typical. Argue religion "Where should we worship"
 - c. Jesus immediately talks about relationship ..with the "Father".

Some keys to witness: - Jesus uses gifts of the Spirit to open her up to receive.

- Jesus uses the natural water to talk about spiritual water.
- Jesus reveals her need "Drink of water" Satisfaction
- Jesus reveals her solution "drink of Spiritual water"
- Jesus reveals His person.. "I am the Water"
- Jesus reveals the emptiness of her religion

3. Her _____ **"You are the Christ"**
 - Her declaration of faith is proof of her converted heart. **"If you confess me before men, I will confess you before my Father who is in heaven."** Matthew 10:32
"By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God". 1 John 4:2
 - Her desire to see her village come to Christ.
 - a. Her embarrassment is gone
 - b. Her shame is gone
 - c. Her love for Christ is revealed

II. Christ's Miracle for the Nobleman 4:43 – 54

John refers to this miracle as the second sign of the seven (See introductory teaching)

Both of these signs occurred in Cana of Galilee

1. Water to wine illustrates salvation through the WORD
2. Healing the Nobleman's son illustrates salvation by FAITH

- The son was 17 miles away in Capernaum
- The Nobleman asked Jesus to come to his home.. he believed Jesus had to be present.

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

- The Nobleman remained in Cana another whole day. He believed Jesus had healed his son. He probably has business in Cana.
- Christ says it, we believe, that settles it **"So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way."** V- 50
- The servants met him the next day as he was returning home. They said, **"Thy son liveth"** he simply said, **"what hour was he healed?"**
- The whole family was saved **"and he himself believed, and his whole household"**

III. PRACTICAL LESSON

1. Two powerful forces are necessary in salvation: The _____ & _____
 - Jesus warned about signs and wonders or experience for salvation...make sure you lead people to Christ through the word and faith.

V – 48 **"Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."**

2. The _____ unto harvest.... let's harvest while it is day!

John 4:34 – 38 **4 "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."**

3. Jesus gently _____ the conversation and used the word to convict her.. He gave her time to respond. Jesus does not force people. That is why He emphasized that some plant, some water but God gives the increase.

SAYINGS OF A HELPLESS SINNER

John Chapter 5

INTRODUCTION: Jesus used a certain pattern as he talks first about a miracle and then follows it with a message. Jesus taught the kingdom through signs and wonders and message about the truth of that sign. The **third** sign that John chooses to teach us about salvation is the helpless sinner by the pool.

The First 3 Signs teach about salvation. The following 3 signs will teach about the results of salvation in our lives.

1. First sign - Salvation through the _____
2. Second sign - Salvation through _____
3. Third sign - Salvation by _____

THE THIRD SIGN - THE HELPLESS SINNER

I. The _____ 5:1 - 16

- The man is in pitiable condition, surrounded by people in the same condition.
How does the Bible describe us sinners?

Impotent - (without power) Rom. 5:6 ***"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."***

Blind, halt (unable to walk correctly) Eph. 2:1 - 3 ***"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."***

Withered and waiting_ (paralysis & without hope) Eph. 2:12 ***"that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world."***

They could legally be saved if they could get to the water. Speaks of the inadequacy of the law. We simply cannot keep it. Our keep-ability is broken. Law leaves us to ourselves, Grace carries us to the WATER!

Bethesda means "_____". This one man was chosen out of all the others. Each had a need, but grace found this one man. Grace means "Unmerited favor" We are chosen "In Him" not because of our merits.. but His grace.

We cannot explain the grace of God, but we can enjoy it! Romans 9:14 - 16

"What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have

compassion on whomever I will have compassion." So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy."

- There were 5 porches (5 is the number of GRACE)
- Pool was by the sheep-gate (Jesus came as a sacrificial lamb)
- Christ healed him on the sabbath - Proving the law had nothing to do with it
- Christ healed him by Himself "For there is salvation in no other name given among men"
- Man said, "I have no man" But a dozen men could not do what Jesus did!
"Lost sinners don't need help, they need healing!"
- The healed man received Jesus as Lord for he obeyed and went to the temple.
- He immediately witnessed to others about his healing and salvation!

II. The _____ 5:17 - 47

A. Christ's three-fold equality with the Father. The Pharisaical law condemned healing on the Sabbath... so Jesus teaches them why He had the right as God!

1. Jesus is equal in _____ - 17 - 21

"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." v - 17

2. Jesus is equal in _____

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son"
v - 22

3. Jesus is equal in _____

"That all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." v - 23

B. Christ's three-fold resurrection. v 24 - 29

1. **Resurrection of the dead sinners NOW.** Takes place when sinners hear the Word of God and believe. The man healed was "living dead man". Became "living resurrected man". Christ declares in book of John ..***"I am the resurrection and the Life"***.

2. **Resurrection unto eternal life** v 28 - 29b

This is the future resurrection of believers described in I Thess. 4 :13 - 18

"But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in

the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with ."

3. **Resurrection unto damnation** v 29b This is called the "second death" spoken of in Revelation 20. Believers will not take place in this resurrection as our sins have already been judged at the cross through the blood of Jesus.

C. Christ's three-fold witness of His Deity. 5:30 - 47

1. _____ (v 30 - 35) The Jews listened to John but rejected His message. He pointed them to Christ.
2. _____ (v 36) Even Nicodemus admitted that Christ's miracles proved He came from God.
3. _____ (v 37 - 47) The Old Testament Scriptures are the Father's witness to the Son. But the Jews, even after searching the Scriptures, did not see the truth.

Why did they not believe?

- They refused the Word (v 38)
- They would not come (v 40)
- They had no love for God (v 42)
- They would not receive Him v (43)
- They sought honor from men, not God (v 44)
- They would not listen to the clear Word of God (v 47)

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Chapter 6

INTRODUCTION: John 6 is a transition chapter into the second of the three signs John talks about. We saw in the first three signs and **HOW** of salvation. It is of the Word, it is by Faith and it is by Grace. But how is it dispensed? The story of the feeding of the 5,000 tells us how the "bread of life" Jesus Christ is distributed to the hungry world. Again John uses the pattern of the "The sign" then "the message". Continuing as he has throughout the first 5 chapters.

I. THE SIGN

Illustrates the cooperation between God and men. Jesus provides the bread, man distributes the bread. Both are necessary... we are His hands, we are His feet.

A. Story of the lad.

- When you give God all you have, He takes it and multiplies it
- Jesus **TOOK** it, **BREAK** it, and **MULTIPLIED** it. That is the pattern of our lives
- The He blesses it to others... **God's blessing upon our work is the key to everything!**

B. Signs illustrating the _____ of salvation. The next 3 signs will show what happens in our lives when we **RECEIVE** God's great salvation.

1. Stilling of the waters - Salvation brings _____ (6:15 - 21)
2. Healing of the blind man - Salvation brings _____ (9:1 - 7)
3. Raising of Lazarus - Salvation brings _____ (11:34 - 46)

C. Story of the storm.

1. Jesus would not let them declare Him king if they only wanted their stomach filled with bread. v - 26

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

v - 53 ***"Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."***

Luke 14:26 - 33 gives us a clearer picture of what real discipleship is all about ***"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does***

not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

2. Three costs of discipleship: Our _____ v - 26
Our _____ v - 27
Our _____ v - 33

THE STORM... Jesus sent them into the storm
Jesus interceded for them while they were in the storm
Jesus brought them PEACE in the midst of the storm!

There is Peace with God (Rom. 5:1), Peace of God (Phil. 4:4 - 7)

II. THE SERMON

Setting for the sermon. Jesus goes over the sea of Galilee to Capernaum and the crowd follows him into the synagogue. Here the dialogue begins. There are three division in the sermon.

1. He reveals the _____ of salvation - The Bread of Life (32 - 40)
- It is from heaven so it is divine, which makes Him the Son of God
- This bread for the whole world. Jewish leaders tried to bring it back to Moses for the Jews
- The bread gives life now and for the resurrection

Jesus teaches on the Manna of Moses in Israel in the wilderness

1. It came at night - Jesus came in a time of darkness on the earth
2. It fell on the dew - Jesus was born of the Spirit of God
3. It was not defiled from the earth - Jesus was the perfect Lamb of God
4. It was sweet to the taste - Taste and see that the Lord is good
5. It had to be taken and eaten - Christ must be received and appropriated
6. It was sufficient for all - Christ is enough for all the world
7. It was a wilderness food - Christ feeds us on our journey

2. He reveals the _____ of salvation - written Word, living Word, by Spirit (43 - 52)

- Men are drawn to God for salvation by the Spirit. Rom. 3:11 **"There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God."**
- Men come through the word of God. Hearing, then believing Ephesians 1:13 **"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."**

- Men can only receive what they believe and ***"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God"*** Romans 10:17

The **written Word** reveals the **living Word** and then life comes by the Spirit

John 6:63 ***"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."***

3. He reveals the _____ of salvation. (53 - 65)

- Natural life comes from eating and drinking... they understood that
- Spiritual life comes from eating and drinking ... they didn't understand that

Paul wrote to the Ephesians 1:18 - 19 ***"That the eyes of your understanding might be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power."***

We must make Christ our sustaining force! John 6:53 ***"Then Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.'"***

III. THE SIFTING (66 - 71)

John 6:68 ***"Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."***

CHRIST THE WATER OF LIFE

John Chapter 7

INTRODUCTION: We have just completed the first section of John... period of Consideration. We now go into the second, the period of CONFLICT. The Jews have heard His sermons and seen His miracles, but now they began their conflict over Jesus. Jesus has always caused conflict. His name is powerful and divides or unites. We who know Christ enter His body by confessing, "Jesus is Lord". And no man can say that except by the Spirit. I Corinthians 12:3b *"..no man can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Spirit."* The feast of Tabernacles is now at hand and the disciples head to Jerusalem. Jesus lingers behind. He knows they want to kill Him and... "His time has not yet come."

I BEFORE THE FEAST – _____ 7:1 – 9

This feast is held on the 15th day of the 7th month (Sept-Oct) and lasted 8 days. See Leviticus 23:34-44 to study more about it.

A. About the feast.

- Israel lives in booths to commemorate their wilderness wanderings.
- It was a harvest festival.
- One of three feasts every male Jew was required to attend.

B. About the brethren.

- They are the half-brothers and sisters of Jesus.... the children of Joseph.
- They did not yet believe in Jesus.. this happened in Acts 1:14 after Jesus resurrection.
- They were not yet on God's time table because they were not yet children of God. Jesus said as such they were free from God's timing. "His hour was not yet"

II. MIDST OF THE FEAST – _____ 7:10 – 36

Jesus had just feed the 5,000 and healed the impotent man on the Sabbath (5:1 – 9) Because the Sabbath rule was broken it cause anger among the Jewish leaders.

- They wanted to kill Him (v – 30)
- They called him demon possessed (v – 20)
- The Jews debated about 5 different topics (A - E).

A. His _____ (10 – 13)

- Some called Him good, some a deceiver
- But no true witness came against Jesus. Only truth that He was the Son of God
 1. Pilate declared, "I find no fault in Him'
 2. Judas said, "I have betrayed innocent blood"

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3. Centurion said, "Truly this is the Son of God"

B. His _____ (14 – 18)

- Jews were amazed at His knowledge since He had not been to their schools.
- Christ teachings came from heaven, man's teaching come from earth
- Jesus declares, **"If any man is willing to do His will, he will know the doctrine (teachings) whether they come from God or whether I speak from Myself."**
- A willingness to obey God's truth unlocks further revelation

C. His _____ (19 – 24)

- The Jewish leaders pretended to be keepers of the Law but circumcised on the Sabbath. Jesus uses this argument against them.
- Hypocrites judge by appearance, not by truth

D. His _____ (25 – 31)

- The Jewish leaders knew where Jesus was born. They admitted that Bethlehem is the place of the Messiah's birth...the city of David.
- Jesus takes it to a high level... He came from the Father in heaven
John 7:28 – 29 **"Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."**

E. His _____ (32 – 36)

- The "Little while" Jesus spoke about lasted 6 months. **"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near."**
- They thought He was going to the Greeks to spread His message.. He was going back to the Father to complete salvation.

III. LAST DAY OF FEAST – _____ (7:37 – 53)

The Seventh day of the Feast was the great day of celebration. (eight day one of "solemn assembly" Leviticus 23:36). Deliverance from slavery.

- Each morning of the feast the priest would go to the Pool of Siloam to draw water in a golden vessel and pour it out. It pictured the way the water was supplied in the wilderness.
- The seventh day was known as the "Great Hosannah" and climaxed the feast.
- It must have been dramatic when Jesus cried out, **"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink"**.

WATER IS SIGNIFICANT...

1. Jesus is the Rock upon which the water is poured Ex. 17:7, I Cor. 10:4
 - Speaks of the cross
2. Word of God is the Water of cleansing.
3. Spirit is the water of drinking.

LESSONS:

- Jesus gracious invitation is offered to all. Some reject, some receive
Remember the key words in John is "RECEIVE" and "BELIEVE"
- Jesus WORDS were so powerful the soldiers could not arrest Him.
The officers answered, "**No man ever spoke like this Man!**" v – 46
- The Jewish leaders turned away many from believing
Matthew 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in."
- Nicodemus defends Christ. Even some of the religious leaders receive and believe.
This is evidence of Nicodemus's faith.

CHRIST THE LIGHT & LIBERTY OF LIFE

John Chapter 8

INTRODUCTION: Continuing on in the second section of John the period of CONFLICT, this chapter shows the Jewish leaders in contrast to Christ. Jesus reveals Himself through a series of these contrasts.

I. _____

A. The dilemma of the woman taken in adultery

They brought her to Jesus to trap Him. V - 6

1. If Jesus set her free, He violated the law of Moses (Lev. 20:10)
2. If He stoned her He would not be the Savior of sinners.

Scholar Arthur Pink suggests Jesus wrote two times on the ground to remind the Jews of the two tablets of law (Ex. 31:18)

B. The declaration of "The Light". Jesus follows this with the great declaration "I AM the light of the world"

- He was declaring Himself to be God.. for God is light
 - Light speaks of life, knowledge and holiness
 - Darkness speaks of death, ignorance and sin - lost sinners live in darkness
- Eph.2:1-3

II. _____

A. There are two births:

1. Born of flesh from **below** -
2. Born of the Spirit from above

B. There are two deaths

1. Sin takes us to darkness
2. Salvation takes us to **light**

Our salvation is totally unique in this way. All of man's efforts are from below. Salvation comes from above, through Christ, by revelation of the Holy Spirit.

III. _____

A. Our freedom as believers.

1. Begins with our confession - Makes us a Child of God
2. Continues with our abiding in the word - Makes us disciples of truth.

B. The bondage of sinners

1. Bondage to lust and sin Titus 3:3 ***"For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another."***
2. Bondage to Satan and the world system. Eph. 2:1-3 ***"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."***

C. The children of Abraham. There were natural children, but also spiritual children of "Faith". These Jewish leaders could only see the natural Abraham.

IV. _____

Here Jesus does a major teaching on true and false religion

- A. There are four kinds of children spoken of in the bible:
 1. We are born (by nature) as CHILDREN OF WRATH. Eph. 2:3
 2. We become (by practice) CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE Eph. 2:3
 3. We become (by faith) CHILDREN OF GOD John 1:12
 4. If we reject Christ we become (by self-righteousness) CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL.
- B. These are the characteristics of "children of the devil"

"They have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof". These Jewish leaders were religious but had no relationship with the Father.

1. They will not give place to the word of God - v - 37
2. They trust in fleshly things - human birth, works, ritual, etc. v - 39
3. They hate Christ and seek to kill Him. v - 40
4. They do not love Christ or the things of Christ v - 42
5. They do not understand the word of God v - 43 Satan has blinded them
6. They are liars and love lies more than the truth - v - 44
7. They will not hear the Word of God - they hate it. v - 47

Remember these were not immoral, drunkards, or gamblers; just SELF RIGHTEOUS RELIGIOUS MEN WHO REJECTED CHRIST. Much that passes as Christianity today is just a form of godliness

II Cor. 11:14 ***"And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light."***

V. _____

A. Their accusations. They thought that if they could discredit Jesus they would be confirmed in their religion.

1. Called Him a son of fornication
2. Called Him a Samaritan
3. Called Him demon possessed

B. The Father's Confirmations

1. The witness of the Father about the Son
2. The faith of Abraham about the savior (pictured in offering Isaac on the altar)

v - 56 ***"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."***

LESSONS

1. Are we walking in the light or darkness?
2. Are we depending on the natural birth more than being born of the Spirit?
3. Are we only showing a form of godliness or true godliness?
4. Are we practicing freedom in Christ or bondage to sin?

BLIND MAN HEALED

John Chapter 9

INTRODUCTION: This is the sixth of the seven signs John talked about. Here is the third result of salvation in our lives. The first three signs talked about HOW salvation comes in our lives:

1. **Water to Wine** - Water is **the Word** producing Joy sign #1
2. **Nobleman's son** - Healed at a distance - Salvation is by **Faith** sign #2
3. **Impotent man** healed by the pool of Bethesda - Salvation by **Grace** sign #3

Feeding of the 5,000 shows the cooperation of men giving out the gospel sign #4

Second Three signs talk about the result of Salvation in our lives

1. **Peace** - stilling of the storm sign #5
2. **Light** - healing of the blind man sign #6
3. **Life** - raising of Lazarus sign #7

I. The _____ 9:1 - 7

A. This man pictures the lost sinner's condition

1. He was blind - Ephesians 4:14 (Without seeking Jesus)
2. He was begging - Man is constantly begging for something to satisfy
3. He was helpless - He could not cure himself - others could not cure him..only Christ.

B. The cure pictures how Christ saves a sinner

1. He came to the man in Grace - others argues about his condition, Jesus cured his condition.
2. He irritated the man. The preaching of the word might make us uncomfortable but it brought healing. The dirt was offensive but it made him wash himself.
3. He cured the man by His power. The man's obedience brought him healing. Religion gives man substitutes .. Christ brings salvation!
4. The cure glorified God. All miracles draw attention to God's power and glory

II. The _____ 9:8 - 34

A. Religion attacked the sinner.

- v- 22 Said he would be put out of the synagogue if he confessed Christ
- Created conflict with the family. Parents had to beat around the bush and not answer directly.
- The man's honesty created the conflict. He didn't even know Christ's name (Jesus heals people at random by Grace to show God's grace and power. We have seen unsaved people totally healed, even though they didn't know who Christ was)

B. Religion attacked the source - Christ

- v- 16 They denied His deity

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v- 24 They called Jesus a sinner

v- 30-31 The man criticized the religious leaders. It is the simple things of God that confound man's wisdom.

- The sinner stood his ground. He did not deny the truth, even though it cost him being thrown out of the synagogue.

III. The _____ 9:35 - 41

The Jews threw him out.. but Christ took him IN! He found his place of safety by rejection.

- Paul lost his religion, but found his relationship to Christ and the Father.

See how this man grew in his knowledge of salvation:

1. Said, "I man called Jesus"...(11) was operating on his present knowledge of Christ.
2. Said, "A prophet" (17) - when Pharisee questioned him.
3. Said, "A man of God" (31-33) is what he concluded him to be.
4. Said, "Son of God" (35 - 38) was complete confession of his faith.

"The path of the just (the saved) is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" Proverbs 4:18

About that "Light"

- Christian has light in his heart - II Corinthians 4:6

- Christian is the light to the world - Matthew 5:14

- Christian walks in the light - I John 1

- Christian produces the fruit of the light - Ephesians 5:8-9

Man's declaration about that light. "Lord I believe"

Remember John 1.... that light has appeared unto all men, but as many as "Receive" Christ, to them God gives the power to become the children of God.

John's gospel speaks of four kinds of spiritual darkness:

1. _____ darkness "Satan has blinded the eyes of them that believe not.." 1:5 - 9
2. _____ darkness - Men LOVE darkness more than light 3:19 - 21
3. _____ darkness - 12:35 - 41

But although He had done so many signs before them, they **did not believe in Him**, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" **Therefore they could not believe**, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest **they should** see with their eyes, **Lest they should understand** with their hearts and turn, so that **I should heal** them. These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him." John 12:31 -

4. _____ darkness 12:46 This is the place of outer darkness. Final rejection of Christ.