



Lesson 10 - We have found the Messiah

Based on John 1:19-51

John the Baptist was now preaching and baptizing at Bethabara, beyond Jordan. It was not far from this spot that God had stayed the river in its flow until Israel had passed over. A little distance from here the stronghold of Jericho had been overthrown by the armies of heaven.

The preaching of John had taken so deep a hold on the nation as to demand the attention of the religious authorities. The danger of insurrection caused every popular gathering to be looked upon with suspicion by the Romans, and whatever pointed toward an uprising of the people excited the fears of the Jewish rulers. John had not recognized the authority of the Sanhedrin by seeking their sanction for his work; and he had reproved rulers and people, Pharisees and Sadducees alike. Yet the people followed him eagerly.

- 1) What question did the delegation of the Sanhedrin ask John?

John 1:19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent _____ and _____ from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

- 2) How did John respond?

John 1:20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the _____.

It was well known that the seventy weeks of Daniel's prophecy, covering the Messiah's advent, were nearly ended; and all were eager to share in that era of national glory which was then expected. Such was the popular enthusiasm that the Sanhedrin would soon be forced either to sanction or to reject John's work. Already their power over the people was waning. It was becoming a serious question how to maintain their position.

- 3) **Verses 21-22** And they asked him, What then? Art thou _____? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that _____? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

- 4) What did John declare?

John 1:23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the _____, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

- 5) What prophecy of Isaiah was being fulfilled before their eyes?

Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a _____ for our God.

Anciently, when a king journeyed through the less frequented parts of his dominion, a company of men was sent ahead of the royal chariot to level the steep places and to fill up the hollows, that the king might travel in safety and without hindrance.

- 6) How did the rabbis continue in their questioning?

John 1:25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why _____ thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

It was believed that before the Messiah's advent, Elijah would personally appear. This expectation John met in his denial; but his words had a deeper meaning.

- 7) What did Jesus say about His cousin later?

Matthew 11:14 And if ye will receive it, this is _____, which was for to come.



John came in the spirit and power of Elijah, to do such a work as Elijah did. The Elijah message always precedes the power and movements of the Lord. There will always be a call to repentance and a call to remembrance of our Creator.

8) John being filled with the Holy Ghost said what?

John 1:26-27 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there _____ one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is _____ before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

Suddenly, as his glance swept over the throng, his eye kindled, his face was lighted up, his whole being was stirred with deep emotion. With outstretched hands he cried, ***"I baptize in water: in the midst of you standeth One whom ye know not, even He that cometh after me, the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to unloose."***

JOHN DECLARED THAT THE MESSIAH WAS READY TO ENTER THE SCENE!!!

9) What was brought to John's mind when he saw Jesus for the baptism?

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a _____ to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

10) What did he declare the very next day to one and all?

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the _____ of the world.

John 1:32-33 And John bare record, saying, I saw the _____ descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which _____ with the Holy Ghost.

As the people looked upon Jesus, they saw a face where divine compassion was blended with conscious power. Every glance of the eye, every feature of the countenance, was marked with humility, and expressive of unutterable love.

To the multitude, however, it seemed impossible that the One designated by John should be associated with their lofty anticipations. Thus, many were disappointed, and greatly perplexed.

11) Not everyone missed the message, John the disciple and which other heard their teacher's report and followed Christ?

John 1:40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was _____, Simon Peter's brother.

Moved by an irresistible impulse, they followed Jesus, anxious to speak with Him, yet awed and silent, lost in the overwhelming significance of the thought, "Is this the Messiah?"

12) How did John (the disciple) and Andrew come to Jesus?

John 1:37-39 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they _____ Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What _____ ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and _____. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.



In a brief interview by the wayside they could not receive that for which they longed. They desired to be alone with Jesus, to sit at His feet, and hear His words.

13) Where did Andrew go after confirming his faith in Jesus?

John 1:41-42 He first findeth his own brother _____, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called _____, which is by interpretation, A stone.

14) According to John, what disciple came next?

John 1:43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth _____, and saith unto him, Follow me.

15) Who did he immediately tell?

John 1:45 Philip findeth _____, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Philip knew that his friend was searching the prophecies, and while Nathanael was praying under a fig tree, Philip discovered his retreat. They had often prayed together in this secluded spot hidden by the foliage.

16) How did Nathaniel respond to Philip's statement?

John 1:46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any _____ thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

17) What words of encouragement did Jesus give Nathanael?

John 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no _____!

18) Nathanael questioned Jesus, what assurance did Jesus Give him?

John 1:48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I _____ thee.

It was enough. The divine Spirit that had borne witness to Nathanael in his solitary prayer under the fig tree now spoke to him in the words of Jesus. Though in doubt, and yielding somewhat to prejudice, Nathanael had come to Christ with an honest desire for truth, and now his desire was met.

If Nathanael had trusted to the rabbis for guidance, he would never have found Jesus. It was by seeing and judging for himself that he became a disciple.

19) What promise did God give through Ezekiel?

Ezekiel 34:26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a _____; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

All who are consecrated to God will be channels of light. God makes them His agents to communicate to others the riches of His grace.

20) What was Philip's challenge to Nathanael?

John 1:46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, _____ and _____.



Philip did not ask Nathanael to accept another's testimony, but to behold Christ for himself. Now that Jesus has ascended to heaven, His disciples are His representatives among men, and one of the most effective ways of winning souls to Him is in exemplifying His character in our daily life.

21) What is the promise of Proverbs 11:25?

Proverbs 11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be _____ also himself.

In order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy, the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice, we must participate in His labors for their redemption.

22) What awesome promise did Jesus give Nathanael?

John 1:50-51 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see _____ things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the _____ of man.

The angels of God are ascending, bearing the prayers of the needy and distressed to the Father above, and descending, bringing blessing and hope, courage, help, and life, to the children of men.

In taking upon Himself humanity, our Saviour unites His interests with those of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, while through His divinity He grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ is the medium of communication of men with God, and of God with men.

Can you see God is calling YOU?

Are you interested in a life well lived?

When is the time to surrender to His teachings?

