

Quit Looking! It is Jesus You Are Seeking.

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❖ Introduction

➤ Getting to Know Jesus Better

- Do you think you have?
- Started back on March 27th

➤ Learning a lot about who Jesus is....

- And how this should in some way transform our lives
- Our Prayer Life should be different...
- How we respond to people should be different
- Our alone time should be different...
- Our time with Him in prayer should increase and be more fruitful...
- Our time in the Word should be more beneficial
- **As We should know Him better...**

- To love Jesus, we must know Him... The more we know Him... The more we can love Him...

➤ How many different things have we learned about Him...

▪ What He is like, his nature, His likes and dislikes,

• You know... kinda like you get to know your spouse or girlfriend or fiancée...

- ◆ I know so many little nuances about Misty...
- ◆ Things that scare her like... everything... HA... Like old dolls or clowns
- ◆ She hates... running out of gas
- ◆ Doesn't like the smell of tuna fish..... Loves the smell of ranch dressing... which I despise...
- ◆ Loves Mexican food.... And Ben and Jerry's Phish Food Ice Cream
- ◆ What makes her laugh... - accidental humor – But hates Corny jokes...
- ◆ Doesn't like preacher jokes... (which is why you never hear them from me hardly)...
- ◆ I know the kind of jewelry she likes... and I am confident I could pick out her fav piece from 100
- ◆ Loves dogs and rabbits but not cats... (sorry cat lovers...)
- ◆ And she is uber protective of her children....

- ◆ I know her smell... and could pick out most perfumes she would like...
- ◆ And I know the kind of candles she likes....
- ◆ I know that even right now, she is smiling but inside this makes her so uncomfortable...
 - Because she doesn't like being in the spotlight... cant stand it...)so Ill stop
- ◆ And I love knowing her.... Even down to the details...
- **It should be more so for all of us with Jesus... we should get to the details...**
 - Take a guess.... How many we looked at about Jesus...
 - **120** different and specific truths about Jesus.... Wow... I couldn't believe it as I counted them...
- **Today... we will continue this...**
 - Some will be recaps, some will be brand new....
- **Could be 3 Different Sermons**
 - 1) A deeper look into who Jesus is
 - 2) How Should men Respond To Jesus
 - 3) How Jesus Changes His Children

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❖ **The One Who Knew Jesus Pointed to Jesus**

- **John the Baptist Continues Making the Way Straight for the LORD**

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❖ **These Men were Seeking**

- **All men are seeking something**
 - **3 Main Categories : 1) Power 2) Pleasure 3) Money**
 - Usually the last one helps them get the first two...
 - **1) Power...** - to have influence over others...
 - To be their own boss, and to tell others what to do, rather than being told what to do...
 - Having power makes people feel free and almost invincible...
 - **2) Pleasure** – to feel good.... Comes as food, sex, drugs, alcohol, comfort, entertainment and health.
 - We seek this tirelessly... there is almost never a time in any person's life when they are not seeking it
 - **3) Money** – cold hard cash.... It will make all my troubles go away... people are either begging for it, or working tirelessly to get it....
 - **Not Bad Stuff – In and of themselves...**
 - But they are very seldom used properly...
- **These Men were Seeking Something different....**
 - **Someone different....** They were hanging around a Prophet in the Wilderness...
 - These two guys were disciples of John the Baptist...
 - The guy wearing camel skins and eating locusts and Wild Honey...
 - And preaching Repentance.... Saying... Repent... the kingdom of God is at hand...
 - He was giving people instructions on how to live...
 - **These two guys were following Him...**
 - One was Andrew and we don't know who the other was...
 - They came to him like the rest.... Looking for forgiveness for their sins...

- John the Baptist was telling people how to treat each other and how to handle their money...
 - And he was baptizing everyone that would repent...Turning from their sins....
 - **These two guys were obviously looking for a way to have:**
 - The guilt of the sins on their conscience removed...
 - They didn't like it...
 - **So John says... Hey... Look.... The Lamb of God....**
 - That is when they went to Jesus...
 - **I'm not saying they understood**
 - Cause we see later they thought He would set up an earthly kingdom,
 - And they scattered when Jesus is arrested...
 - But they understood John's terminology...
 - And they had come to John to repent of their sins...
 - And John said of Jesus...
 - ♦ **Behold the Lamb of God.... He takes away the sins of the world....**
 - ♦ And they were Seeking that..... they wanted their sins taken from them...
 - **So they went and followed Jesus...**
 - Asked Him... uhhhh.... Where are you staying.....(that was their first question)
 - Probably common for a disciple to ask a teacher this though....
 - But their question was a physical one.... Jesus answer was Spiritual....
 - **Jesus answers... Come and See.... Come and See....**
 - And they were about to SEE like they had never seen before....
 - They had been seeking... and now they were about to do some Finding...
- **What are you seeking today? Ask yourself that question.... And get the real answer...**

So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

❖ **Jesus: A Look at Who They Found; And why its Significant for You (You should write some notes or something)**

- **1) A Lamb that takes away Sins**
 - **"Behold, the Lamb of God!"**
 - **They Found what they had been seeking...**
 - Someone who could take away their sins....
 - ♦ We looked in great detail at this 3 weeks ago... (Go back and listen PLEASE!)
 - ♦ Lets look at this again briefly
 - **1) A Lamb for the Sacrifice**
 - **2) The Lamb of Isaiah 53**
 - ♦ Where the lamb is slaughtered for the sake of the people....
 - ♦ One to die for the many
 - **3) The Only One who could be that Lamb**
 - ♦ Because of His Holy Nature as God...
 - ♦ The only man to be without sin....
 - ♦ Luke 1.35 says in the prophecy concerning His birth, that this child **shall be called Holy...**
 - **4) The Lamb God Provided**
 - ♦ God Provides His Son...
 - ♦ When Abraham was about to sacrifice his only son, God stopped His knife....
 - ♦ No one Stopped God when brought Jesus as the Sacrifice...
 - **5) A Man who must Die**

- ◆ They did not understand all this then, even though He would tell them... But He had to die...
- ◆ Unless He would die, there would be no life for us...
- ◆ Jesus himself said in **John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

- **6) A sin bearing lamb**

- **7) The One who would be their propitiation**

- ◆ The wrath of God is upon those who sin...
- ◆ But if they were made to look like they had no sin
- ◆ God's wrath would be removed from them....

- **8) The Lamb that would be their substitute**

- **9) The One who would Carry away their sins...**

- ◆ Literally Remove the sins from men and carry them away...

- **Why this is Important to You**

- ◆ We are filled up with sins...

- **You have ZERO ability to get rid of your sins....**

- ◆ Your like:

- **Our Sins lead to our Death...**

- ◆ And then ultimately the Bible Teaches in NUMEROUS places...
- ◆ They lead to Eternal Destruction for the person who dies still in His sins...
- ◆ The Rich Man of the Gospel of Luke after his death... **"immediately lifted his eyes, being in torment"**

- **You Need Jesus to be that Lamb for You...**

- ◆ To take away your sins... and Account YOU as Righteous....
- ◆ And you can say with David in Psalm 4.1:

➤ **Psalm 4.1 "O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress."**

- **2) The Messiah**

- **40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).**

- **The Long Awaited Messiah....**

- **Which means "the Christ".... Literally it means – the anointed one**

- ◆ To be Anointed was to be anointed by God....
- ◆ So when you hear Jesus Christ... You are hearing Jesus the Messiah...
- ◆ We see His anointed earlier in the chapter as the Holy Spirit comes and anoints Jesus before Man
 - A Very significant event during Jesus earthly ministry...

- **The people of Israel were waiting for a Messiah.... The Anointed One...**

- ◆ Their **Mashiac** (in Hebrew)
- ◆ They were waiting on someone to come and Deliver them from their sufferings...
 - If you have ever Read the book of Judges (A must Read)
 - They were always crying out for a deliverer because they got into trouble...
- ◆ The Anointed One had been promised.... And the promises were great...
 - From Genesis 3 through Abraham and David and Isaiah and to Malachi (last book of OT)
 - One who would free them from their oppression....
 - And make them to live in peace and rest and safety and without want...
- ◆ **Many of them missed it and thought it was only physical and not Spiritual mainly...**
 - So they were waiting for Him
 - So When Andrew tells Peter ... **"We have found the Messiah"**

- That was a VERY significant statement....
 - And one Peter was very familiar with when it was said...
 - **Why this is Important to You**
 - **The Mashiac was not just coming for the people of Israel... but for all men...**
 - ♦ Hosea 1:10And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."
 - ♦ Hosea 2:23And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.' "
 - **Our Promises are great**
 - ♦ He Promises to Us Eternal Life.... And to be a part of His great Kingdom... and great riches and Rulership within His kingdom...
- **3) The One Written of By the Prophets**
- **45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."**
 - **Real Proof: Moses wrote about and the prophets as well...**
 - **Moses is credited for writing the 1st five books of the Bible....**
 - ♦ They are called the Books of the Law... that is why Philip says this here...
 - ♦ Starting in Genesis there are numerous prophecies concerning the "One to Come"
 - ♦ And in Exodus, and He is pictured throughout the making of the tabernacle
 - ♦ And the Sacrificial System was like a living parable of the coming of God to take away sins
 - **The Prophets preached Prophetically about His coming...**
 - ♦ This prophecy began with the first man created over 6,000 years ago... (we think)
 - **Some say there are over 2500 prophecies concerning the Messiah in the Bible**
 - ♦ And some say as many as 2000 have already been perfectly fulfilled in Jesus
 - The others are concerning His second coming...
 - ♦ There are probably close to over 400 easy to see hard to miss prophecies of Jesus in the Bible...
 - And these written from 4,000 and 2,000 and 1,500 and 750 and 400 years prior to His birth
 - ♦ And unlike Nostradamus and modern psychics...
 - ♦ Everyone came true even to the SMALLEST detail
 - **Why this is Important to You**
 - **You do not have a blind or uninformed Faith....**
 - ♦ We are not some crazy people out there in the woods believing in a cult...
 - ♦ Waiting on a comet to come and take us away...
 - ♦ We are not putting our trust in the Unsupported Testimony of some man...
 - ♦ We are not looking to within ourselves for the answers on eternity...
 - **There is substantial proof....**
 - ♦ Are 2000 prophecies fulfilled perfectly enough for you
- **4) One Who Knew them Inside and Out**
- **47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."**
 - **Only God Can Know what is in the Heart of Man....**
 - And Jesus knew Nathaniel... and when Nathaniel recognized this, He praised Jesus as God...
 - **Psalm 139:1-4 "O Lord, you have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are**

acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

▪ **Why this is Important to You**

- What a relief...!
 - ◆ We do not have to fake before God.... We cant...
- What a word of Warning!
 - ◆ This should cause at least some sense of fear knowing this...
- What love to still call us!
 - ◆ Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

➤ **5) A Rabbi**

▪ **49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi,**

▪ **Rabbi Means Master Teacher**

- Jesus is the Master Teacher...
- For Nathaniel to call Jesus this, meant he was showing Jesus great respect and honor....
- Jesus was and is the Greatest of all Teachers.... Speaking for the Father as the Son
 - ◆ Deuteronomy 18:18-19 ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

▪ **Why this is Important to You**

- Jesus is still the Master Teacher....
 - ◆ And He teaches us with His Word... that He spoke and wrote through men....
 - ◆ And it is His Spirit that teaches us His Word...
- This is why I am so adamant that you spend time with HIM....
 - ◆ Not just books that explain it... but you reading and praying for Him to teach you...
 - ◆ And then test what you learn with those you trust...

➤ **6) The Son of God**

▪ **"Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"**

▪ **Son of God = God**

- These two titles led to His Death...
- The Truth of this Statement is that Jesus is the Son of God.... We refer to Him as the 2nd person of trinity
- **When the people of Israel heard Jesus called the Son of God...**
 - ◆ They heard that he was being called God
 - ◆ And they did not like this at all....
- John 5:17-18 ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." ¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
- John 10:30-33 ³⁰ I and the Father are one." ³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" ³³ The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."
 - ◆ He goes on to ask.... Are you saying I am blaspheming because I say I am the Son of God?

▪ **Why this is Important to You**

- Jesus Made Sure there was no Question who He claimed to be
 - ◆ He claimed to be God.... And this led to His death.... And His Death can lead to your life...
 - ◆ Without a confession of agreement with this.... There is not salvation for the man...
 - **1 John 2:23 ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.**

➤ 7) King Of Israel

- **“Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”**
- **King of Israel**
 - **Similar Title to Messiah.... They were waiting on their King....**
 - ◆ Waiting on a descendant of David who would take the throne of David
 - ◆ Jesus enters Jerusalem before His death as a conquering King...
 - ◆ He tells Pilate He was born a King... and His Kingdom is not of this world....
 - **Here again we see the disciples looking for a King for their little earthly kingdom...**
 - ◆ And Jesus is saying I am the King over all things... I am the King of creation...
 - **What Nathaniel is saying**
 - ◆ You are my King.... I am your subject....
 - ◆ We are to all be your servants...
- **Why this is Important to You**
 - Jesus is your King.... Regardless if you follow Him or not....
 - **We will all one day be in subjection to Him...**
 - ◆ It is like Psalm 2... the nations rage, the kings of the earth plot... but God laughs...
 - ◆ **Philippians 2:10-11 ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

➤ 8) The Son of Man

- **51 And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the **Son of Man.**”**
- **Jesus favorite title for Himself....**
 - Used 80 times in the Gospels.... Its fascinating.... (do a word study on that title)
 - ◆ And Jesus is the only one who calls him that...
 - ◆ The only other place we see someone else use it is Stephen in Acts 8 when He is being stoned
 - The Son of Man... a title of Great Humility
 - ◆ Think about it... he knows who He is....
 - ◆ He knows He is God, the Son of God... He knows He is the Word of God
 - ◆ He knows all things were created through Him.... Yet He calls himself the “Son of Man”
 - ◆ But, there was much more to this title...
- **A Title From Daniel**
 - **Daniel 7:13-14 ¹³ “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And 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 one that shall not be destroyed.**
 - **The Title had a lowly essence to it...**
 - ◆ It was not too hard for people to hear....

- ◆ But to those who could hear it, they understood it with great clarity...
- ◆ Those far away from him didn't understand what He was saying...
- **He was saying...Something Great...**
 - ◆ I am He of Whom the Ancient of Days gives Dominion and Glory and a Kingdom...
 - ◆ I am Sovereign over all of Creation...
- **Jesus says of the Son of Man in the Gospel of John**
 - ◆ No one has ascended into heaven but the Son of Man
 - ◆ The Son of Man must be lifted up (in reference to His death on the cross)
 - ◆ Because He is the Son of Man, He has authority to execute judgment
 - ◆ The Son of Man gives food that endures to eternal life
 - ◆ The Son of Man must be glorified
- **Why this is Important to You**
 - If you are citizen in the Kingdom of the Son of Man....
 - ◆ You are in an everlasting Kingdom
 - ◆ And the Son of Man has Dominion.... Rulership over all peoples and nations and languages...
 - **You DO NOT want to find yourself on the outside looking in...**
 - As a Citizen of this Kingdom.... This should lead you into Evangelism.... Outreach
 - ◆ Trying to bring others into this Everlasting Kingdom with you...

❖ **What Jesus Does for His Followers**

- **Calls them to Follow Him**
 - 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
- **Changes Who They Are**
 - 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter)

❖ **Their Response**

- **They Followed Him**
 - To Follow....
- **They Brought Others to Him**
 - John shows 2 of His Disciples Jesus
 - Those two disciples follow Jesus
 - One of the two, Andrew.... Gets His Brother
 - Jesus Gets Philip
 - Philip gets His brother Nathaniel
- **We should do the Same**
- **Look at How they Did It...**
 - They used the Word of God...
 - 1) Found The Messiah
 - 2) He of whom Moses and the prophets spoke
 - Nathaniel was hesitant... So Philip let Jesus do the rest...

❖ **Invitation**