

Notes on last week's Message
on John 1:19-51

The Messiah Comes to Help

The Good News for us: God has come to our planet. His name is Jesus. He is our creator - our life—our light - our brother in the flesh. He has come to help us.

John the Baptist pointed him out.

- *"He has come **from above** and is **greater than** anyone else. I am of earth, and my understanding is limited to the things of earth, but he has come from heaven. He tells what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! Those who believe him discover that God is true. For he is **sent by God**. He speaks God's words, for **God's spirit is upon him without measure or limit**. The Father loves his Son, and he has given him authority over everything. And all who believe in God's Son **have eternal life**. Those who don't **obey the Son** will never experience eternal life, but the wrath of God remains on them."*

John 3:31-36

- John explained what he came to do for those who were interested.

- **He is the Lamb of God.** His sacrifice on the cross takes away sin and death and results in resurrection to eternal life.

- 1:29 *"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'"*

- **He is the Holy Spirit-filled one** - who enables the Holy Spirit to make us into replicas of Himself.

- 1:32-34 *"Then John said, 'I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'When you see the Holy Spirit descending and resting upon someone, he is the one you are looking for. He is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Son of God.'"*

- **Some followed John's pointing finger** and came to Jesus and brought their family and friends. It continues to this day. *As Nathanael approached Jesus, Jesus said, "Here comes an honest man—a true son of Israel. Nathanael replied, "Teacher, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" Jesus tells him, "The truth is, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down upon the Son of Man (which is me)." 1:47-51*