

THE MAIN POINT: Jesus is pointed out as Messiah and people come to him.

1-V19-22 The Jewish people had an expectation that God would send another man like David to save them from their enemies and restore the nation to the golden age of David and Solomon. John was the first man in 500 years who had "God on him" in a spectacularly powerful way. The Jewish leaders wondered if he claimed to be the _____.

• MESSIAH is Hebrew for "anointed one." Christ is the Greek translation. Kings were commonly anointed with olive oil when they took office. It was an outward doing of an inner happening. In this case, a man was chosen, filled and empowered with the Spirit of God. The anointing of Saul. "Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it over Saul's head. He kissed Saul on the cheek and said, "I am doing this because the LORD has appointed you to be leader of his people Israel...The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you with power, and you will prophesyYou will be changed into a different person." I Samuel 10:1f

• John said of Jesus, the Messiah King from heaven, "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 few believe what he tells them! Those who believe in 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 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

Jesus is God and Creator, become a man to save us. His vision was to deal with death and eternal separation from God. He brought God's Kingdom to replace humankind's nations, not to fix them.

2-V 23-28 John said that he was not the Messiah but a _____ shouting in the _____ -- the spiritual wilderness Israel had become -- to prepare a straight _____ for the coming of the Messianic king to earth.

• About John: He was a relative of Jesus through Mary. His father was Zechariah, his mother was Elizabeth, Mary's (Jesus' mother's) cousin. His birth was supernatural. His parents were old and childless. An angel appeared to Zechariah to tell him of John's being born. (Luke 1) Jesus said John was the prophet spoken of by Malachi (3:1) who would speak of his coming and create guilt and sorrow over sin among Israel to purify them and sensitize them to his coming. He said he was Elijah come again--that even as Elijah's anointing was put on Elisha, his successor, so his mantle would be put on the messenger of the Messiah.

3-V29-30 When John sees Jesus, he proclaims to the crowds gathered --- "_____ there is the _____ of _____ who takes away the _____ of the world."

• Hardly anyone in Israel thought of the Messiah as a savior from sin and it's consequence -death. The prophecies of the Messiah coming as a suffering servant - one whose sacrificial death would replace what they were laying on animals, prayerfully transferring sin and guilt and consequence on the animal was going to be fulfilled by the Messiah - who would die on a cross bearing the sins of the world--which were destroying the people and their world. The life's blood of animals could not take the sins of spiritual beings in God's image.

• "Once for all time he (Jesus) took blood into the Most Holy Place (the altar of the Father's heart), but not the blood of goats and calves. He took his own life's blood, and with it he secured our salvation forever. "Without the shedding of life's blood there is no forgiveness of sins." Hebrews 9:12,22

• "Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins! But he was wounded and cursed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed. All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all." Isaiah 53:4-6

4-V30-34 John speaks first of Jesus as the one who takes away sin, makes us right with the Father, and takes away death. Now he talks about a second miracle--- making us different people from the inside out. John said that he _____ with _____ people who were sorry for their sins and now wanted a changed life. But changing a person's character is something only God can do. So John says that he saw the _____ resting on Jesus and Jesus was going to baptize with the _____ --to pass on and impart and fill with the Holy Spirit --- those who followed him.

• "Turn your old life in for a Kingdom life...Jesus will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house--make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything in proper order before God. Everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned." Matthew 3:11-12 Message Bible

5-V John plainly says who Jesus is. He is the _____ of _____.

JOHN 1:19-51 Study (NLT)

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- Jesus is "*the only Son of the Father.*" John 1:14 Some versions have "only begotten Son of the Father." He is the only one "born" of God the Father. We are children of our parents—begotten of them - having the same and equal nature as they are. However, we are created - made like we make a cake - fashioned out of the earth by God. Only Jesus is "God of God, Light of light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made." (Nicene Creed)

6—V 35-42 Some of those who followed John and heard and saw him point out Jesus now followed Jesus. One of them was _____, who became one of the twelve disciples who was the _____ to Simon Peter. What did Andrew do that every Christian is called to do and wants to do? _____
Jesus gave Simon (which means "reed") another _____-- Cephas (Peter in Greek—meaning "rock"). He was declaring that He would make Peter into a different person.

7—V 46-50 Jesus now begins to gather the men whom he would train and empower to build his kingdom. He finds _____ and says _____.
Philip finds his friend _____ and asks him to come and _____ Jesus.

- Jesus calls Nathaniel *an honest man, a true son of Israel.* In saying this he was saying that Nathaniel was one of those *who believed and accepted him*, something every person of Israel should have done. But it required an honest, open, pure heart-willing to accept truth no matter what the consequences in one's life style and life purposes.

What Does This Scripture Say To You? _____