

Jesus: The Greatest Show on Earth- Recognize the Lamb of God

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I. Introduction

A. You can be in the proximity of Jesus and still not recognize Jesus.

John 1:10

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

B. The purpose of John's writing.

John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

C. John wants us to "see" something.

1. *John 1:14- we have seen his glory*

2. *John 1:18 – No one has ever seen God; the only God.*

3. *John 1:29- The next day we saw Jesus*

4. *John 1:31- that he might be revealed to Israel*

5. *John 1:34- And I have seen*

D. It's all about Jesus.

1. *Philippians 2:9-11*

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

II. Grace and Truth

A. *John 1:14*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

1. *John 1:1*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

2. Early use of Logos:

a. The divine animating principle pervading the Universe.

b. The generative principle of the Universe which creates and takes back all things.

c. The rational principle by which everything exists.

3. *John 1:1*

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B. *John 1:14*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C. *John 1:15*

John bore witness about him and cried out. " This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."

D. *John 1:14,16*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

16 And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

E. *John 1:17*

For the law was given through moyses;

1. While the Law itself was good, it was weak in that it lacked the power to change a sinful heart(Romans 8:3).

2. Part of the purpose of the law served as a mirror to reveal the condition of a human heart(Romans7:7).

3. *Galatians3:24*

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith.

4. Everything in the Bible moves us toward Jesus!

Romans 8:3

For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin,

G. *John 1:17*

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus. Christ.

H. *John 1:18*

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Fathers side, he has made him known.

III. Jesus is the Christ

A. Next several verses John places his focus on John the Baptist.

Mark 1:4-6

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camels hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

B. *John 1:19-20*

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, " Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, " I am not the Christ."

C. John 1:21

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

1. Malachi 4:5

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

D. John 1:21

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, I am not."

1. Background

Luke 1:12-17

And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

E. John 1: 21-22

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

F. John 1:23

He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, Make us straight the way of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah said."

G. John 1:24-25

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)

25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

H. John 1:26

John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,

I. John 1:27

Even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

IV. Jesus is the Lamb of God

A. John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, " Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1. The sacrificial system

a. *Hebrews 9:22*

without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

B. I am under His forgiveness

1. No condemnation

Romans 8:1

There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

V. Jesus is the Son of God

A. *John 1:32-34*

And John bore witness: "I saw the spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

B. *Isaiah 53:2*

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

VI. Conclusion