

WELCOME TO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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March-May 2020: JESUS THE MESSIAH

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***HIGHLIGHTS FROM
LAST WEEK...***

JESUS IS TEMPTED (Luke 4:1-13)

Luke 4:1-4 – And Jesus being *full of the Holy Ghost* ...was *led by the Spirit* into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil... ***“If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.”***

Luke 4:5-8 – And the *devil...shewed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.* ***“If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.”***

Luke 4:9-13 – And he brought Him to Jerusalem, and set Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto Him, ***“If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence...”***

***LIKE JESUS, WE ALL FACE
TEMPTATIONS IN THIS
SINFUL WORLD...***

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

- 1 John 2:15-16

***UNLIKE JESUS, ADAM
AND EVE CHOSE TO FACE
TEMPTATION APART
FROM GOD...***

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- Genesis 3:6

***BUT JESUS, THE LAST
ADAM, RESISTED
TEMPTATION BY TRUSTING
THE WORD OF GOD...***

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; *but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

- Hebrews 4:15

***THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT,
GOD IS ALSO ABLE TO
“DELIVER US FROM EVIL”...***

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13

TODAY...

UNIT 20

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Session 3 – John Points to Jesus

1. *Jesus is the Lamb* Who Takes Away the Sin of the World (John 1:29-34)
2. *Jesus is the Groom* Who Prompts Great Rejoicing in His Friends (John 3:25-30)
3. *Jesus is the Son* Who Gives Eternal Life to Those Who Believe (John 3:31-36)

SESSION AT A GLANCE

John the Baptist's role was to prepare the way for the Messiah. Once Jesus was identified as the Messiah at His baptism, John rejoiced at the growing prominence of Jesus' ministry, declaring that eternal life is found in Jesus, the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. He exemplified how true worship leads us to lift up Christ and how great joy can be found as we point others to new life in Him.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

How does the Old Testament sacrificial system help us understand the necessity of the death of Jesus as the atonement for our sin?

What are some reasons we may struggle to make much of Christ and less of ourselves?

Why must we communicate that hearing the gospel comes with the need for a response?

What should we expect from people in our culture when they are confronted with the gospel's clear distinction between those who are in Christ and those who are not?

1. JESUS IS THE LAMB WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD (John 1:29-34)

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!"

John 1:30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.'

John 1:31 I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel."

John 1:32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him.

1. JESUS IS THE LAMB WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD (John 1:29-34 cont'd)

John 1:33 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.'

John 1:34 *And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: *He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,* and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

- Isaiah 53:6-7

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 80 – **Christ as Sacrifice:** Unlike the sacrificial system of the Old testament, whose sacrifices were unable to take away sin, Christ's sacrifice on the cross was able to permanently, "once and for all," take away sins.

***THE OLD TESTAMENT
SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM...***

If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

- *Leviticus 1:3-4*

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

- Hebrews 10:1-4

THE NEW COVENANT...

But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” In that He saith, *a new covenant, He hath made the first old*. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

- *Hebrews 8:6-7,12-13*

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: *But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever*, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. *For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

- *Hebrews 10:11-14*

2. JESUS IS THE GROOM WHO PROMPTS GREAT REJOICING IN HIS FRIENDS (John 3:25-30)

John 3:25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.

John 3:26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness--look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him."

John 3:27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.

John 3:28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.'

2. JESUS IS THE GROOM WHO PROMPTS GREAT REJOICING IN HIS FRIENDS (John 3:25-30 cont'd)

John 3:29 *The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.*

John 3:30 *He must increase, but I must decrease."*

FILL IN THE BLANKS

P. 81 – Bride of Christ: The church is described as the bride of Christ, faithfully waiting for the day when Christ will return and heaven and earth will be one. Made up of all believers from all tongues and nations, the church is the bride that Christ redeemed.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." *This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*

- *Ephesians 5:31-32*

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. *Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready*; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"-- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

- Revelation 19:6-9

3. JESUS IS THE SON WHO GIVES ETERNAL LIFE TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE (John 3:31-36)

John 3:31 He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all.

John 3:32 He bears witness to what He has seen and heard, yet no one receives His testimony.

John 3:33 Whoever receives His testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.

John 3:34 For He whom God has sent utters the words of God, for He gives the Spirit without measure.

3. JESUS IS THE SON WHO GIVES ETERNAL LIFE TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE (John 3:31-36 cont'd)

John 3:35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

For God so loved the world, that He gave *His only begotten Son*, that *whosoever believeth in Him* should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. *He that believeth on Him is not condemned*: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten *Son of God*.

- *John 3:16-18*

Then said they unto Him, “What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said unto them, “*This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.*”

- *John 6:28-29*

In Conclusion...

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

- *John 14:6*

NEXT WEEK

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

– *2 Corinthians 13:14*