

# Let's Worship God

7th-12th December 2020

John



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO J O H N

## **Monday - John 3:22-36 - Popularity and Humility**

The disciples of John the Baptist are offended because the ministry of Jesus begins to attract more attention than that of their master. John the Baptist, however, has a very different attitude than that of his disciples. He lays down the great principle that God is free to give any gifts He wants - to make some more popular than others. He tells them that he is compared to Christ like the bridegroom's friend compares to the bridegroom. And he asserts that Christ will become greater and greater, and he will become less and less important. If we want to imitate this example of humility, we need to see in ourselves nothing but sin and weakness. We need to give God all the praise for anything good in us.

John the Baptist teaches his disciples once more the true greatness of the Person whose growing popularity offends them. He proclaims Christ as worthy of all honour and praise. Again, we can imitate John the Baptist in praising Christ. We can never have too high thoughts about Christ, can never love Him too much, trust Him too implicitly, lay too much weight upon Him, or speak too highly of Him. He is worthy of all the honour we can give Him. He will be all in heaven. Let us see to it that He is all in our hearts on earth.

John the Baptist teaches that pardon, peace, and a complete title to heaven, are an immediate possession. They become a believer's own, from the very moment he puts faith in Christ. There are no works to be done, no conditions to be fulfilled, no price to be paid, no years of probation to be passed before a sinner can be accepted with God. Let him only believe on Christ, and he is at once forgiven. The greater the mercy that the Lord Jesus offers, the greater will be the guilt of those who neglect and reject it.

### **Questions**

1. Why are John's disciples angry?
2. What does he teach them about Christ?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would grow in humility.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"And every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit."  
John 15:2b

**Praise: Psalm 83 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



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## **Tuesday - John 4:1-6 - The God-man**

Baptism is not the primary part of Christianity and to baptise is not the primary work for which Christian ministers are ordained. Frequently we read of our Lord Jesus Christ preaching and praying. Once He administered the Lord's Supper. But we have not a single instance recorded of His ever baptising anyone.

Baptism is a sacrament, ordained by Christ Himself. It is honourable and important and shouldn't be taken lightly. It can't be neglected or despised without sinning. When used rightly, with faith and prayer, it brings a great blessing. But baptism is never meant to have the primary place in the church. It is not a charm. It does not automatically make anyone a Christian.

The first and primary job of the Church of Christ is to preach the Gospel. When the Gospel of Christ is faithfully and fully preached we don't need to worry about the sacraments being taken lightly. Baptism and the Lord's Supper will always be most truly honoured in those churches where the truth of Jesus Christ is most fully taught and known.

Notice also in these verses that Jesus is tired. He has a body just like ours. Like us, He is hungry, thirsty, feels pain, and needs sleep. This should comfort us. When we pray to Him in our pain and weakness, He knows what we are going through. When our faith is weak because we are tired, He understands. Power and sympathy are combined in Him who died for us on the cross. Because He is God, we can trust in Him. He is mighty to save. Because He is man, we can freely speak to Him about the struggles in our life. He will understand.

## **Questions**

1. What is the primary job of the church?
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that our churches would be faithful in preaching the Gospel.
2. Use prayer points from In The Pew and pray for Jimmy and Helen Fisher.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

“And every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”  
John 15:2b

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### **Wednesday - John 4:7-26 - Wise Words**

Notice the tact and wisdom Christ uses in dealing with a careless sinner. He doesn't wait for her to speak to Him. He doesn't begin by rebuking her sins. He opens the conversation by asking a favour, grabbing her attention by bringing up the subject of water. We need to imitate Christ in dealing with those who just don't know and haven't really thought about spiritual things. We need to work wisely, studying the best way to get their attention. Above all we must avoid conveying the attitude that we think we're doing them a favour in talking to them.

Christ is ready to give mercy to a careless sinner. He knows her character, but He is still willing to give her the living water of grace, mercy, and truth. The Lord Jesus is far more ready to hear than we are to pray and far more ready to give favours than we are to ask them.

Christ's gifts are things of priceless excellence in comparison to the things of this world. Thousands of men and women have every earthly good thing that the heart could wish, but they are weary and dissatisfied. There is no contentment to be found until we believe in Jesus Christ. He alone can fill up the empty places of our soul and give us solid, lasting, enduring happiness.

### **Questions**

1. How does Jesus start His conversation?
2. How should we approach those who don't care about spiritual things?
3. How can we find contentment?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for wisdom in speaking to others of Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"And every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit."  
John 15:2b

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## **Thursday - John 4:7-26 - Disease and Cure**

We are still looking at Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman. She seems to be unmoved by all Christ is saying until He exposes her breaking of the seventh commandment. This seems to pierce her conscience like an arrow. From that moment she seems to be sincerely seeking after truth. Why? Because for the first time in her life she sees herself. This should be our goal when working with unbelievers. We want to get them to see themselves for who they really are. Till men and women are brought to feel their sinfulness and need, till they see themselves as God sees them, they will carry on indifferent to spiritual things. This is why we need to talk about sin, to tell what God commands, and to speak out against anything that breaks His law, no matter how trendy. A man or woman won't think they need a Saviour till they realise how awful their sin is.

Our Lord Jesus Christ tells this woman that true and acceptable worship depends not on the place in which it is offered, but on the state of the worshipper's heart. He takes everything she says back to the heart relationship with God. Heart attitudes and heart actions are more important than any outward signs.

Christ concludes His conversation with the Samaritan woman by telling her openly and unreservedly that He is the Saviour of the world. He is willing to reveal Himself to sinners. Whatever a man's past life may have been, there is hope and a remedy for him in Christ. Like a great physician He undertakes to cure the incurable - none are too bad for Him to love and heal.

## **Questions**

1. Why do men and women need to see their sin?
2. What is the most important factor in true worship?
3. Why does Jesus tell this woman about Himself?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for Christ's power to save.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

"And every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit."  
John 15:2b

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## **Friday - John 4:27-30 - Amazement**

That their Master takes the trouble to talk to a woman at all, and to a Samaritan woman, and to a strange woman at a well, when He is tired from His journey - all of this is amazing to the disciples. It is the sort of thing they don't expect. This attitude is still around today. How much amazement every fresh conversion brings! How surprised we are when we see a change in the heart, life, desires, and habits of the converted person! What wonder we feel at the power, mercy, patience, and compassion of Christ! If there was more real faith on the earth, there would be less surprise felt at the conversion of souls. If Christians believed more, they would expect more, and if they understood Christ better, they would be less startled and astonished when He calls and saves sinners. We should consider nothing impossible, and see no sinner as beyond the reach of the grace of God.

When this woman becomes a new creature, everything else is forgotten. She can think of nothing but the truths she has heard, and the Saviour she has found, and so she goes away to tell others. Grace once introduced into the heart drives out old sinful desires and interests. A converted person no longer cares for what he once cared for. The whole world looks different. All things have become new.

This woman feels so deeply the amazing benefit she has received from Christ, that she can't keep quiet. She uses no arguments or deep reasoning. She just says, 'Come and see.' Everyone who has received the grace of God, and tastes that Christ is gracious, ought to find words to talk of Christ to others. Where is our faith if we believe that souls around us are dead, and that Christ alone can save them, and yet keep quiet? Where is our love if we can see others going down to hell and yet say nothing to them about Christ and salvation?

### **Questions**

1. Why are the disciples amazed?
2. What does the woman do immediately?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for a stronger faith.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Saturday - John 4:31-42 - God's Work**

To do God's work is not just a duty and pleasure to Christ. He counts it as His food, meat and drink. Do you do any work for God? Do you try to promote His cause on earth, to work to see His kingdom fill the earth? If you do, don't be ashamed of doing it with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. The world may mock us, but let us work on, following in the steps of Christ. Keep in mind as well that Jesus Christ never changes. He still delights to save sinners and still approves zeal and labour in the cause of God. While man is mocking, Christ is well pleased.

Work for the souls of men has many discouragements. The heart of man is hard and unbelieving. The blindness of man to their own danger is amazing. No one can have any idea of the desperate hardness of men and women until he has tried to do good. The cure for despair is to remember the promises of God like the one in these verses. We shall receive a reward at the last day, far exceeding anything we have done for Christ. We are gathering fruit which will endure when this world passes away - fruit in souls saved and fruit in evidences of our own faithfulness. One single soul saved, shall outlive and outweigh all the kingdoms of the world.

Some Samaritans are converted through this woman's testimony, and some are converted by hearing Christ Himself. The way in which the Spirit leads all God's people is always one and the same. But the paths by which they are brought into that road are often very different. There are some in whom conversion is sudden and instantaneous; there are others in whom it goes on slowly and quietly. All are finally brought to repentance toward God, faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, and holiness of life. Look at yourself. Are you a believer in Jesus Christ?

## **Questions**

1. How can we fight discouragements in serving God?
2. How does Christ feel about God's work?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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John 15:2b

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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