

Episode 1-09 - The Witnesses

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. In John 1:15-28, we saw John the Baptizer witness to the Jews, the religious leaders of Israel, the truth of Who Jesus is. Now, we continue his testimony, and then have many more witnesses brought in to testify to this truth.

III. John 1:29-34. John the Baptizer's personal testimony to all who hear.

A. Lamb of God (Isaiah 53:7.) Take away sins of kosmos, not just people.

B. V. 30. The Lord Jesus is the One he told the Jews about!

C. V. 31. The reason for John's water baptism. The modern water baptizers cannot claim this! How then do they justify what they do?

D. Like a dove, not actually. Remains on Him (as the Spirit, not a dove.)

E. THE Spirit on Him, baptizes with holy spirit.

F. V. 34. John concludes his testimony. Fits with John author's purpose.

IV. John 1:35-39. The two disciples witness.

A. V.35-36. John witnesses to two of his disciples.

B. V.37. They followed Jesus from then on instead of John (John very humble)

C. They want permission to follow Him. Notice term of respect they use.

D. He gives His permission. Hour 10=4:00PM.

V. John 1:40-42. Andrew (Manly) and Simon (Rock.)

A. Andrew tells Simon they have found Christ. According to John's purpose. Notice that Messiah=Christ. We should never forget this.

B. Simon gets a new name. Cephas (Aramaic)=Peter (Greek)=Stone.

VI. John 1:43-51. Philip (Lover of Horses) and Nathanael (Gift of God.)

A. V. 43. The Lord finds Philip and calls him to follow.

B. V. 44. At least three disciples from Bethsaida = House of Fish.

C. V. 45. Nathanael not one of 12, but may be "Bartholomew," always listed with Philip. Implies he is the Christ. Son of Joseph by his understanding.

D. V. 46. Nazareth did not have a good reputation.

E. V. 47. By divine knowledge. Israelite=prince with God, personality, no guile.

F. V. 48. How did He know him? (Answered and said.) The fig tree. A moment between Nathanael and God? The Lord knew about this moment.

G. V. 49. Nathanael's witness. According to John's purpose.

H. V. 50. He hasn't seen anything yet!

I. V. 51. We don't know of this. Resurrection for Nathanael assumed! Note term Son of Man: He represents us to God!

VII. Conclusion. Many witnesses in John bear testimony to the truth of the Word: that He is the Christ (Messiah,) and the Son of God. John is calling upon all his readers to believe, and he offers us these men as witnesses. The question: do we believe it?