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Reading: John 1v29-39

The Gospel speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only thing men could do in the Gospels was point to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you miss Christ you miss everything.

John 1v29-39

John the Baptist was not interested in answering questions as to who he was but rather he explained the reason why he came (John 1:19-23), which was to point men and women to Christ. Even in his mother's womb John knew the Christ was come (Luke 1:41-44). John the Baptist taught repentance and baptised those who repented.

We preach of a cross that is past. John preached of a future cross. John knew his Old Testament so he that they would bring a lamb as a sin offering.

The Lord Jesus has died and been made the sacrifice for sins. There is forgiveness available because the Lord Jesus has died.

James 5:8 teaches us that “the coming of the Lord draweth nigh”. The Lord Jesus may return any day, it will be sudden – two together, one taken and the other left (Luke 17:34-36). World events point to return of Lord Jesus. He will take church out of world and leave world for judgment.

The question could be asked, Who will go when He comes? The answer is those who believe. We need to be ready.

John Baptist turned his disciples round and pointed them to the Lord Jesus. They wanted to know where Jesus dwelt.

Salvation – saved from lost eternity and also a life with Christ which is far better. The way will not always seem easy but He is still there. He will carry each believer through this scene of time. He wants us to come and trust Him.

John 3 – Nicodemus came to Jesus knowing He was a teacher from God. The Lord challenged him with the words, “Ye must be born again” (John 3:7). Nicodemus did not understand how he could be born again so Jesus explains it to Nicodemus using a story he knew (John 3v14,15)

Whether Nicodemus fully understood what Jesus said we don't know but we know he was saved as at the cross he begged to bury the body of Jesus (John 19:39).

In John 3:16, the Lord Jesus points to himself

In John 3:18, He makes clear that the challenge of the Gospel is what you believe and specifically

your attitude to the Lord Jesus.

Nicodemus may have been a secret disciple but when it came to the cross he took his stand.

John 9 – Blind man

The disciples assumed that the man's blindness was a result of sin. In verse 2, they asked “Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind” , v2

The man knew very little about the Lord Jesus. He may have heard of some of the miracles. He may well not have known beforehand that Jesus could do it. The man was questioned as to how this happened and he said. “A man called Jesus”, v11. As the chapter progresses, so his understanding of Who the Jesus is grew.

In verse 25, he realised what had happened, “One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see”. The man did not know how but he realised that only a man of God could make him see.

The man is cast out of the temple which was a big shame for a Jew.

In verses 35-38, the Lord Jesus spoke to him and asked if he believed on the Son of God. He owned Jesus as Lord and readily acknowledge Him as Son of God. The blind man ended up seeing Jesus as his Saviour.

John 14 – the disciples

In verse two, the Lord told His disciples, “I go to prepare a place for you”. Thomas, the doubter, asks a good question, “Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?”. The Lord answers in verse six with the words, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”. Once again, these words point to the Lord Jesus as the only true way and the only life.

John 21

Verses 15-17 record a conversation between the Lord Jesus and Simon Peter. After this Peter turned round and asked about another man, (John 21v21). The Lord Jesus rebuked him and pointed out he was important in himself (John 21v22).

Each individual needs to come to the same salvation.

It is free, it is received by coming to Christ. Paul preached, “through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins”

To the Philippian jailer, he said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16v31).

In Romans 10:9, the message is, “ if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved”

Salvation isn't in any other, it can only be found in the Lord Jesus.

For the apostle Paul in Acts 9:3-5, the sight of Christ was enough to turn him from his own way to the Lord Jesus.