

How SPECIAL IS JESUS TO YOU?

JOHN 1.29FF

INTRODUCTION:

1. **John 12.20,21:** “*Sir, we wish to see Jesus.*”
2. Read John 1.29-51: Three times in this text, John translated a Greek term into a Gentile term (vs. 38,41,42).

I. THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN

- A. **JOHN 1.29:** “*Behold the Lamb of God...*”
1. The concept of a sacrificial lamb. (Ex. 12.3-6)
 2. Jesus gave Himself like “*a lamb without blemish and without spot.*” (1 Pet. 1.18,19)
- B. **JOHN 1.34:** “*...this is the Son of God.*”
1. John did not know Jesus, but when He John baptized Him, he know who He was. (John 1.32-34)
 2. **JOHN 9.35-37:** “*Do you believe in the Son of God?*”

II. THE TESTIMONY OF ANDREW

- A. **JOHN 1.37,38:** “*Rabbi (which is translated Teacher)*”
1. Jesus is known to be a great teacher. (John 11.28)
 2. Jesus impressed His audience by the manner of His teachings. (John 7.46)
- B. **JOHN 1.41:** “*We have found the Messiah*”
1. The Messiah was the one prophesied in the Old Testament. They were anticipating Him. (Dan. 9.24,25)
 2. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. (John 6.68,69)

III. THE TESTIMONY OF PHILIP

- A. **JOHN 1.45:** “*We have found Him of whom Moses in the law...wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.*”
1. Moses wrote about Christ. (Deut. 18.15,16)
 2. Christ would be like Moses. (Gal. 6.2; 1 Tim. 2.5)
- B. **JOHN 1.45:** “*We have found Him of whom...the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth...*” (Luke 24.27,44)

CONCLUSION: Jesus came to live as a man, but He was so much more than just a man. He was and is the Son of God.

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

IN THE SPIRIT IS KNOWLEDGE

Through the revelation of the Holy Spirit, I learn that I am a child of God (Rom. 8.16). Through the Bible, I learn what I need to do to become a child of God. It shows me the conditions to be saved and to remain saved (1 Cor. 15.1,2). Through revelation, I learn that I abide in the Father (1 John 4.13). When I read the Bible, I learn about the purity and holiness required to enjoy fellowship with God and discover whether or not I possess those qualities (1 John 1.5-7).

Just before Jesus was put to death, He promised to send the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, the promise of Jesus was fulfilled as the apostles were baptized by the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues “*as the Spirit gave them utterance*” (Acts 2.1-4). As these men were guided by the Holy Spirit, they wrote the message given to them in what we now have as the New Testament (1 Thess. 4.8). What the Spirit has revealed to the apostles and prophets is valuable knowledge to us.

Through Isaiah, God shows how great the gap is between our thoughts and His thoughts (Isa. 55.8,9). Something had to bridge that gap, allowing us to know the mind of God. That something was the Holy Spirit who has revealed God to us (1 Cor. 2.10-12). The promise to send the Holy Spirit who would “*teach you all things*” (John 14.26), has been fulfilled. CLP

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JOHN 1:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. **John 1.1:** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*
2. Word (Logos): The logic and reason conveyed through the written or spoken word.
3. How special is Jesus in your life?

I. A PROPER BALANCE

- A. Our message has historically been imbalanced.
 1. We emphasize the logic of doctrinal authority but not the feelings connected with relationships. (John 4.23,24)
 2. We emphasize the church of Christ but not the Christ of the church. (Acts 2.22,36,40,47)
- B. John emphasizes how special Jesus is to be in our hearts and minds. This is the message we need!
 1. When we show that Jesus is special, the world will want to be a part of His church. (Matt. 16.18)
 2. When we know that Jesus is special, it will help us because of the hope He gives to us. (1 Tim. 1.1)

II. THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN

- A. Jesus was special to John.
 1. **1 John 1.1:** *“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes...”*
 2. **1 John 1.2,3:** *“and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you”* Perfect tense verb
- B. Four reasons why Jesus is special.
 1. Jesus is special because of His eternal nature. **John 1.1:** *“The word was...”* (cf. 2 Cor. 8.9; Col. 1.16,17)
 2. Jesus is special because of His deity. **John 1.1,2:** *“the Word was God”* (cf. Isa. 45.5; Heb. 1.3)
 3. Jesus is special because of His creativity. **John 1.3:** *“All things were made through Him”* (1 Cor. 8.6; Matt. 19.4)
 4. Jesus is special because of His humanity. **John 1.14:** *“And the Word became flesh”* (Matt. 1.18-20)

CONCLUSION: Jesus is special and is now sitting at the right hand of God existing to serve you.

WHOM DO YOU HONOR?

There is no one whom we can disrespect. Everyone with whom we interact is deserving of our respect. To put it in the words of the Holy Spirit, *“honor all people”* (1 Pet. 2.17). We honor all people because showing respect is an act of love. To love someone is to show them respect. And love is what we are required to show to everyone (Matt. 22.37,38). However, the Bible gives special attention to specific individuals who deserve our honor.

First and foremost, we are to give honor to God. The four living creatures gave honor to God by giving Him praise. When they did, the twenty-four elders also gave praise saying, *“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, honor, and praise”* (Rev. 4.9-11). We honor God with our lips by singing praises to Him (Heb. 13.15). We honor God by offering to Him the first and best of our possessions (Prov. 3.9). Honoring God is not a gift. It is what He deserves and demands (Mal. 1.6).

Second, we are to give honor to Jesus. Respecting God means that you respect the One whom God has given all authority (John 5.22,23). Do you remember what the disciples were told as they stood on the mount of transfiguration? As the disciples were enshrouded with a cloud, God declared, *“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him”* (Matt. 17.5). We honor Jesus when we listen and obey His voice.

Third, we are to honor our government. Is our government run by democrats? They are deserving of our respect. Is our government run by republicans? They are deserving of our respect. It doesn't matter who is in office, by virtue of their position alone, they are to be respected. Romans 13.1-7 is a context of our responsibility to the government. We are told to submit to them in verse 1. To resist the government is to resist God (Rom. 13.2). We are told to fear those who enforce government law in verse 3. Those in law enforcement *“are God's ministers attending to this very thing”* (Rom. 13.4-6). That leads to verse 7: *“Render therefore to all their due...honor to whom honor”* (Rom. 13.7).

Fourth, we are to honor our parents. In the New Testament book of Ephesians, children are told to *“obey your parents”* (Eph. 6.1). The next verse quotes the fifth commandment to support his point. Why? The verse goes on to say, *“in the Lord for this is right”* (Eph. 6.1). The idea is to obey your parents because you are in the Lord. It is your relationship with God that moves you to live in obedience to your parents (cf. Col. 3.20). Children obey their parents to be pleasing to God.

Isn't it interesting that in every case where you find the command to honor, it is connected to our relationship with God. Whether, government, parents, employers (1 Tim. 6.1), spouse (1 Pet. 3.7), or anyone else, we honor all because we first honor God. CLP