

Word of God Speak! - Gospel of John Series 1d

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Message...

John 1:6-14

6 God sent a man, John the Baptist,

7 to tell about the Light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony.

8 John himself was not the Light; he was simply a witness to tell about the Light.

9 The one who is the true Light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He came into the very world He created, but the world didn't recognize Him.

11 He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him.

12 But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.

13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

14 So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

Why was Jesus unrecognizable? *See vs. 10

There are a great number of Bible verses that foretold Jesus' birth...

Isaiah 7:14

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

Isaiah 11:1

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

Jeremiah 23:5

“For the time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

Daniel 9:25a, 26a

25a Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One—comes. ...

26a “After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing...

What do these verses tell us about Jesus' birth and coming?

**See Matthew 2:2, Numbers 24:17a*

Why was Jesus unrecognizable? *See John 1:10-11

Jeremiah 29:13

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Isaiah 55:6

*Seek the Lord while you can find Him.
Call on Him now while He is near.*

The Bible tells us that Jesus became physically unrecognizable.

Isaiah 52:14

But many were amazed when they saw Him. His face was so disfigured He seemed hardly human, and from His appearance, one would scarcely know He was a man.

Why did Jesus have to suffer and die?

How does someone receive the “right” to become one of His? *See John 1:12

John 3:1-5

1 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee.

2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent You to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with You.”

3 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

4 “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

5 Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

What did Jesus mean to be “born of water and the Spirit”?

John 3:6-9

6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

7 So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’

8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

9 “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked. ...

John 3:13, 15-17

13 No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven.

...

15 so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.

16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

17 God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him.

What makes Jesus recognizable?

John 3:18-21

18 “There is no judgment against anyone who believes in Him. But anyone who does not believe in Him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.

19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s Light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the Light, for their actions were evil.

20 All who do evil hate the Light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

21 But those who do what is right come to the Light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

What would keep you from recognizing Jesus? (vs. 19)

What must I do to be “born again”? *See John 3:15-17