



READ John 1:19-34 as a group. What might have the scene looked like? Use your imagination!

Why were the Jews expecting a King? What does that tell us about the culture and circumstances of the Jews at the time?

How might the Jewish leaders have received the pronouncement of Jesus as the Messiah?

Ask the group if they **KNEW** that there were others that came before Jesus who claimed to be the Messiah prior to Jesus' arrival?

What arguments does John make in Chapter 1 to support the fact that Jesus is the One they've been waiting for?

TALK ABOUT how Jesus acquired His first disciples. **READ John 1:35-51** together as a group.

Talk about how willing and eager John the Baptist was for his followers to quickly transfer their loyalty to Jesus. *How does this show the Heart and Mission of John the Baptist?*

John wasn't about building his own kingdom - he was about the Kingdom of God!

Andrew was a disciples of John who followed Jesus. It didn't take him long to realize that Jesus was the **Messiah**. What does **John 1:40-41** say the "*first*" thing Andrew did as a result?

Look at how we have a similar scenario when Phillip encountered Jesus.

- He was quick to share the news with his friend Nathaniel. (John 1:43-51)

- How does our telling others about Jesus get both positive and negative reactions?

NOW READ John 2:1-11. Why do you think the Scriptures record this as Jesus' first miracle? What is the significance of turning water into wine?

What do you find interesting about the timing of the miracle?

Consider this... Moses first miracle was a plague - turning water into blood (Ex. 7:19) which speaks of judgment. **Jesus** first miracle was turning water into wine. (John 2:1-11)

How does Jesus first miracle speak grace?

How does Mary's ask of Jesus relate to the way we should approach God in our prayers?

What are some things we can **PRAY** for right now as we close the group?