

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John



A PERIOD OF INTRODUCTION

The Lamb Who Takes Away Sin

John 1:19–34 || June 14, 2026

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating.

Our goal is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**.

Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us as** much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**. You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.

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Before the sermon, **children ages 2-7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

June 14: We can't hide from God.

Lesson Text: Jonah 1-3

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

SERVICE ORDER

June 14, 2026

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| Announcements | Steve Griggs |
| Call to Worship | Steve Griggs |
| <i>Christ, We Do All Adore Thee</i> | David Byerly |
| <i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i> | David Byerly |
| Prayer | Randy Bronson |
| <i>Teach Me Lord to Wait</i> | David Byerly |

Prepare For Communion

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| <i>Lamb of God</i> | John Cox |
| Communion Prayers | Norman Gwinn |
| <i>Roll The Gospel Chariot</i> | Josh & Aidan |
| Children's Chat | Josh & Aidan |
| Scripture Reading - John 1:19-28 | Danny Smith |
| <i>Just A Little Talk With Jesus</i> | John Cox |
| Sermon | Shane Robinson |
| <i>There's A Fountain Free</i> | John Cox |
| Shepherd's Moment | Frank Brown |

GREETERS

Carol Griggs, Canitha Jordan, Mel & Sylvia Sane

NURSERY

Lorraine Smith & Chrissy Smith

WEE WORSHIP

Hannah Kresser, Noah Robinson, Amanda & Grace Shannon

SERVE COMMUNION

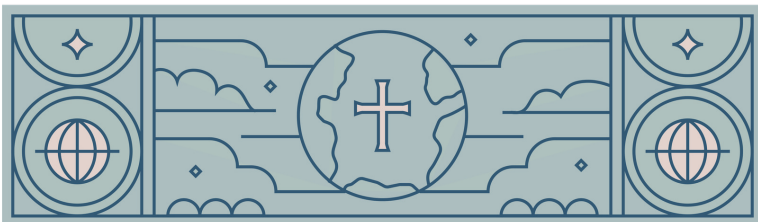
Kenny Bryant, Mat Sane, Patrick Goble, Carter Goble, Nathan Bennett, Liam Martinez, Greg Smith, Will Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:19-28

“Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said: “I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the Lord,” ’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.” These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.” (John 1:19-28, NKJV)

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.



KEY WORDS

John 1:19-34

Witness (martyreō) v. 19 — To testify or bear witness. In John, this word carries legal weight; John the Baptist is a formal witness to the identity of Jesus, sent by God for that purpose.

Confessed (homologēō) v. 20 — To agree with, to say the same thing. John's confession was not hesitant; the text stresses both what he affirmed and what he refused to claim.

Voice (phōnē) v. 23 — Sound, a cry. John defines himself entirely by his function rather than his identity. He is not a person with a name and a resume; he is a sound, a signal pointing elsewhere.

Lamb of God (amnos tou theou) v. 29 — The specific Greek word used here (amnos) appears in the Septuagint for the sacrificial lamb of Isaiah 53:7. John is not offering a general metaphor; he is making a sacrificial and atoning identification.

Takes Away (airō) v. 29 — To lift up and carry off. Not merely to cover sin, as in the Old Testament sacrificial system, but to remove it entirely. The tense is present, pointing to an ongoing, complete removal.

Remained (menō) v. 32 — To abide, to stay. One of John's most important words. The Spirit did not descend and depart; He stayed on Jesus, confirming His identity as the Son of God and the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN || WHO IS THIS?

THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY SIN

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In a world that rewards those who build their own brand, John is a man who spent his entire ministry pointing away from himself. In this passage we learn who John was not, who he understood himself to be, and who he believed Jesus to be.

Who John Was Not

John 1:19–21 || The Questions From the People

John was not the _____ (1:20). He was not the One people thought would end Roman domination (Ps. Sol. 17).

John was not _____ (1:21a). He did not come to settle disputes or perform great miracles (Mal. 4:5; Mk. 15:35; Sir. 48:10).

John was not the _____ (1:21b). He did not come to reinstitute the prophetic office (Deut. 18:15–20; 1 Macc 4:46).

Who John Understood Himself to Be

John 1:22–28 || The Responses From the Voice

John was a voice of _____ (1:23; cp. 1:6–8). He was a herald sent to clear the way for the Messiah to bring Israel out of spiritual exile and back to God (Isa. 40:3; Mal. 4:6; Mt. 3:2).

John was a voice of _____ (1:25). He was a pioneer who baptized Jews willing to turn from sin (Mt. 3:2; Ex. 12:48–49).

John was a voice of _____ (1:26). He understood his mission was to point people to the one who they do not know (cp. Jn. 1:31; Isa. 40:5; Lk. 3:6).

Who John Believed Jesus to Be

John 1:29-34 || The Direction in Which the Voice Pointed

John saw Jesus as a Man of _____ rank (1:15, 27, 30).

John counted himself unworthy even to perform the duty of the lowest household slave (Mk. 1:7; Lk. 3:16).

John saw Jesus as the _____ of God (1:29). He is the one sacrifice to which every other pointed (Ex. 12:3; Isa. 53:7).

John saw Jesus as the One with the _____ (1:32-33).

Jesus is the One who brings the Holy Spirit (Isa. 11:2; Jn. 3:34).

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John did not write this so that we would know more 'about' Jesus.

He wrote it so that we would 'know' Jesus. Jesus knows you and wants you to know Him.

Self-Awareness

The man Jesus called the greatest ever born considered himself unworthy to untie Jesus' sandal. I will understand who I am when I see Jesus for who He is. #sitdownbehumble

Self-Promotion

John was the original influencer who pointed people to a person, not a product. My purpose is not to make a name for myself but to point others to Jesus. #itsnotaboutme

Self-Surrender

John embraced the role God gave him and faithfully carried it out. This eventually cost him his life. I find purpose when I surrender my plans and preferences to God's will. #mylife4jesus

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Will start back in September

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations
(Visit our website)

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM
(Go to office area)



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