



90 - Life of Jesus

Week one - "The Real One"

Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:29-34

Bottom line: Jesus is the one we're waiting for, the one who came, and the one we need right now.

1. What comes to mind when you think about real versus imitation?
2. What are some ways we determine if someone or something is "the real deal"?
3. Read John 1:29-34
 - a. Why were the Levites and the priests and the Pharisees so concerned about who John the Baptist was and was not?
 - b. How did John respond to their questions? Do you think he was tempted to talk more about himself than he did?
 - c. How did John describe himself directly in relation to Jesus? (check out Luke 3:21-22 in addition to the verses in John)
 - d. How did John identify, name, and describe Jesus? (If you have time individually, or as a group, do a little searching and see what the significance was of some of the names like "Lamb of God," "Messiah," and "God's Chosen One.")
4. How do we know if we're following Jesus or an imitation?
5. What are some signs we might be creating Jesus in our own image instead of the other way around?