

## That You May Have Life In His Name

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### John 20:30-31

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(Jn 20:30–31)

*“The gospel of God's grace is so much more than a story about life after death. It is also a story about life before death—how through Jesus' death and resurrection the kingdom of God has already arrived and has restored fallen creatures, and the fallen creation, to their right relationship with the Lord of life. And one day this kingdom will arrive in fullness, eradicating all remaining sin and sadness... With John, we will discover that there's not more than the gospel to bring fulfillment to our lives, just more of the gospel.” \*Gospel Transformation Study Bible p1578*

If we think back to the past year, as we have journeyed through this account of the life and ministry of Jesus — what stands out? How has God worked in and through your life? Has there been a turning point? Would you say that your love for Jesus has grown as you have sought to know Him more?

**Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

(1 Pe 1:8–9)

From John's first word — are given framework to see — this lens of faith — by way of an eyewitness testimony and close friend of Jesus — helps us see the grace and glory of God.

**1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

(Jn 1:1–5)

The Word. With God. As God. All things made through Him.

In Him - Life. In Him - Light.

Shining forth in victory even in the presence of darkness.

All of creation is because of Jesus. We are because of Jesus. He made us for himself. We are made in his image and likeness. In Jesus is light and life – His light and life has come into a dark and dying world to bring light and eternal life. The light shines in the darkness – and this is what you need to know. The darkness has NOT overcome it. If you are facing darkness or feeling like you live in a broken world – it's true. We do live in a dark and dying world, but that evil and that darkness has not overcome Jesus. Light shines brightest in the darkest nights.

First — John gives framework. Then we see this invitation — Will you receive Jesus?

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(Jn 1:9–14)

To receive Jesus. To believe in His name.

To receive this right to become a child of God.

Born of God. This Word. His Glory. Full of grace and truth.

Behold The Lamb of God —

- <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.” Isa 53:3-7
- And John the Baptist says, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (Jn 1:29)

### Follow Me

- We see Jesus — as he intentionally calls people to follow Him knows his mission

### Wedding at Cana - Water to Wine

- This sign that John writes of is one many in a sequence he will write, with new wine made from water, a new temple for worship, a new birth through belief in Jesus, a new well for water that quenches thirst, and new worship in spirit and truth. These stories point back to the fullness we see in Jesus as He gives grace upon grace.
- If in Jewish culture we see the groom bear the responsibility of supply for the needs of the bride, and making sure the wedding celebration provides the food and drink for all its guests... The first miracle Jesus does is helping a groom and his family provide what they could not provide for themselves. How much more has Jesus done this for us... This story really isn't about wine, or even this wedding feast. It's about what Jesus can do and it helps us see what He is like.

### Nicodemus

- This respected Jewish leader comes to Jesus — and Jesus says you must be born again — to believe in Jesus means having eternal life.
- **Ezekiel 36:26–27 (ESV): 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

**John 3:16-17** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Samaritan Woman - Jesus - “many believed because of her testimony”

We need to see – that in the contrast of this woman's broken life – Jesus is also revealing who He is. This is what happens in the life of people who trust in Christ. We see our sin exposed. We see our shame and need for redemption, and we see these needs in the presence of Jesus — and He alone, the Lamb of God - shows us that He has come to take away our sin and shame. This is what happens when a life is changed by Jesus. Other people hear. Other people recognize their need. The Spirit moves among them and opens their eyes to see their own sin and shame. Dead hearts awaken. Heaven rejoices. Jesus is glorified.

John 4:40-42

- <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

There is no one like Jesus... They asked Jesus to stay. He does — and many more believe. Many more believed because of His word. Her story wasn't the only story. Her story was one of many — and they no longer needed her testimony to believe — they had Jesus. They say — we have heard for ourselves — and WE KNOW this is INDEED the SAVIOR of the world!

Officials Son

- Imagine this father walking back to Capernaum, maybe running back — only to be met by his servants who are now saying “your son is doing better” and for this father to not only rejoice in the news of his son getting better, but perhaps also thinking I'm so glad I sought Jesus out and I'm so thankful the word of Jesus is true... Again — Jesus speaks. It happens. A son is healed. A father believes. And not only this — but his household too, so his children, his wife, his servants. This runs along the same lines — the Samaritan woman hears the word of Jesus, that He knows her life, her shame, her story... And she believes. And then her testimony leads to her village wanting to know Jesus, and they too hear the word of Jesus and they too believe. This is God at work. This man — even if his initial motivation - is not FOR JESUS, but what he wants FROM JESUS, nevertheless approaches Jesus. Please don't let my son die. Jesus speaks. The father believes. The son is healed. The family is saved.

Healing at the pool on Sabbath - Jesus asks “Do you want to be healed?”

**John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.**

Feeding 5000 - 5 loaves of bread and two fish feed a multitude of people.

Jesus walks on water and comforts the disciples in the midst of a storm -

“It is I do not be afraid.”

- The outcome and end result of Jesus in the presence of a real storm, with legitimate fears and circumstances that are challenging... is that those who truly see Him are astounded / reach the destination / and respond in worship. Truly You are the Son of God.

**John 6:35.** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

**John 6:47-48.** “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.”

**John 6:63** “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

Woman in Adultery - Go and sin no more

The perfect Lamb of God, kneeling in the dust, writing in the dirt, knowing the sin of everyone at the scene. We can't even fathom just how humble true HUMILITY looks like, but this is God, who is worthy of all praise and honor, who is perfect in truth and justice, God who sustains the universe by the word of His power, who knows every star by name and knows everything about everything and can do anything with perfection and glory... writing in the dirt. When Jesus says, “Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more...” He knew he would bear the weight of her sin and shame on the cross.

Light of the world

- **John 8:12** “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Blind Man “all I know is I once was blind but now I see”

Jesus The Good Shepherd

- **John 10:14-15** <sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

Lazarus

- **John 11:24-26 (ESV):** <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Mary Anointing Jesus' feet

Jesus Washing Disciple's feet

- **John 13:12-15 (ESV):** <sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You

call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

#### Love One Another

- **John 13:34–35 (ESV):** <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

#### The Way, the Truth, the Life

- **John 14:1–6** <sup>14</sup> “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me

#### True Vine / Branches / Abiding Life

- **John 15:4–5 (ESV):** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing

#### The Holy Spirit

- **John 16:13–14 (ESV):** <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

#### Sorrow to Joy

#### Eternal Life = Knowing God

- **John 17:1–3** When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>

**And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.**

Betrayal, Arrest, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Appearing to the Disciples

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