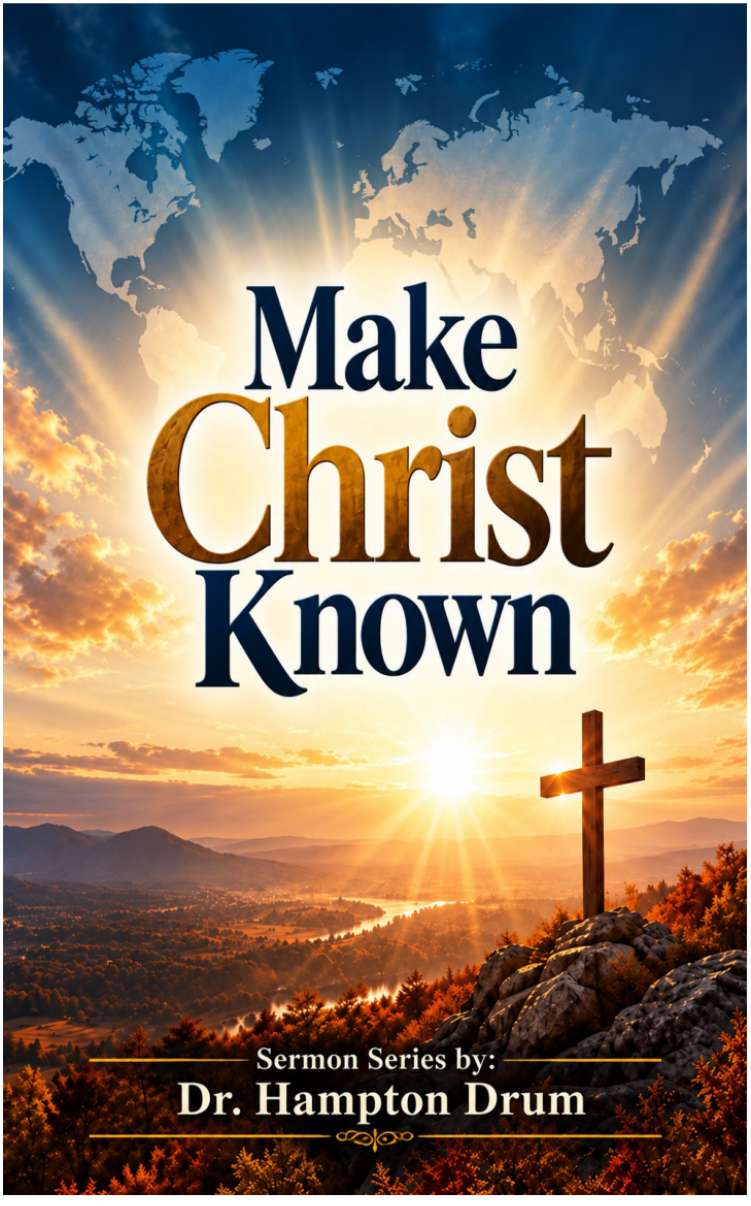


Sermon 1

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John 1:19-34

Introduction:

“John used his influence to point others toward Christ, just as believers

today are called to do. John’s message was clear: BEHOLD!”

- David Jeremiah

I. The inquiry into John’s person. (V. 19-23)

A. John explains who he is not.

And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. John 1:20

. . . whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. John 1:27

Who is Jesus in Reference to Me

• John says in comparison to me and status, I am not worthy to have the

opportunity to untie His shoes.

• John says in reference to me and notoriety, I must decrease in popu-

larity, and He must increase in popularity.

• John says in reference to me and publication, I must make sure there

is no misunderstanding of who He is.

• John says in reference to me and communication, I am just an an-

nouncement of an induction that is of great consequence.

B. John emphasizes what he is.

He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. John 1:23

II. The identification of John's purpose. (V. 24-28)

A. The purpose of John's practice of baptizing.

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there

standeth one among you, whom ye know not; John 1:26

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Matthew 3:11

B. The purpose of John’s preparing a basis.

He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. John 1:27

“If Christ is worth anything, He’s worth everything.”

- Adrian Rogers

. . . Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matthew 3:3 (Let there be no misunderstanding who Jesus is.)

III. The introduction of Jesus’s preeminence. (V. 29-34)

A. John introduces Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29

John says you must understand . . .

• I do the sinning; He does the saving.

• I do the repenting; He does the forgiving.

• I'm good at getting lost; He's good at finding me.

• I'm good at losing hope; He is good at restoring hope.

• I am nothing; He is everything.

"Christ lived the life we could not live and took the punishment

we could not take to offer the hope we cannot resist."

- Max Lucado

B. John introduces Jesus as the saving Lord.

. . . which taketh away the sin of the world. (V. 30) This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. John 1:29-30

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (V. 14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1:13-14

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