

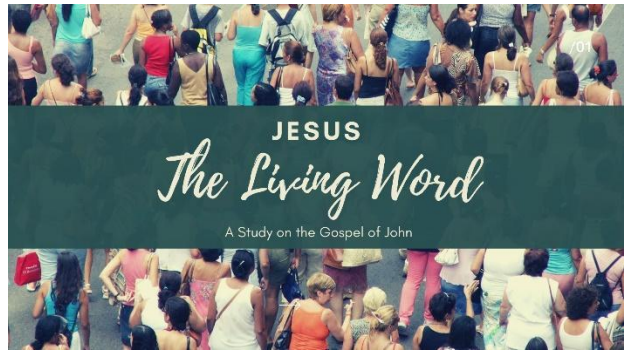
Study: "Jesus the Living Word"

A Study on the Gospel of John

Instructor: Pastor Damian Mericka

Week 5: Gospel of John 1:29-34

Study Notes Jesus- *the Word of God*



**John 1:29-34. Behold the Lamb of God.**

- o John the Baptist was laboring to prepare the people of Israel for their coming Messiah. He was clear to articulate that he was not the Messiah. This is a reminder for us today; Jesus must increase while we decrease in our role in ministry.
  - Acts 13:24-25.
- o When Jesus arrives, John affirms that this is indeed the Messiah he had been preparing Israel for. Note the characteristics of this Messiah:
  - (v.29) The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Israel's entire history in relationship with God understood at their core identity they are only able to have sin forgiven and removed through blood sacrifice. And while this allowed God to be with them, it was never a permanent solution. This was a shadow of an ultimate sacrifice for sin that would come.
    - Leviticus 17:11
    - Exodus 29:38-46
    - Isaiah 1:11; 53:7
  - (v.30) Ranks and was before John. While John was a created messenger, Jesus is the eternal, pre-existing Creator of all things.
    - John 1:1-3
  - (v. 31, 33) Not revealed before Baptism. The Spirit coming to rest upon Jesus was a sign for John that this was the Messiah- the one he was preparing everyone for.
  - (v.32) Spirit as a dove descended on Him and abiding on Him. This beautifully captures what was shadowed in the Old Testament between Israel and God through the blood of the lamb.
    - Matthew 3:16-17 (Exodus 29:45)
  - (v.33) He will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus, there will be a baptism of fire, wherein the Spirit of God not only comes upon us but abides with us!
    - John 14:6, 16
  - (v.34) He is the Son of God. John is not only recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, but as the Son of God, sharing in the very Nature of God. God Himself would become the solution to remove sin and abide with us forever.
    - 1 John 4:1-3

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." -John 20:31 ESV

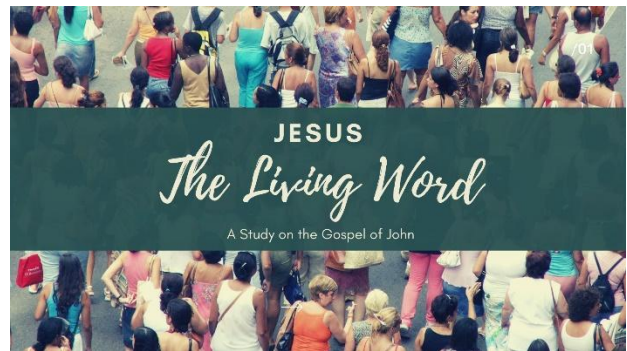
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### Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *What is John eager to have people understand about him and the Messiah? How does this invite us to keep the focus on Jesus in our Ministries?*
- 2) *What is significant about John calling Jesus, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world? What does the Leviticus reference say? What was accomplished by the blood sacrifice (Exodus 29:38-46)? Was this a permanent answer or a shadow of an ultimate answer? (Isaiah 1:11; 53:7)*
- 3) *What was symbolized at Jesus' baptism? What does this mean for you and me today?*
- 4) *What is the Baptism of Jesus?*
- 5) **BONUS:**
  - a. *What does the term Son of God mean in John's Gospel?*
  - b. *How was this a needed affirmation for the early church? (See 1 John 4:1-3)*
  - c. *How important is discernment for you as you choose a church, book, podcast that is trying to communicate something about Jesus?*

\*Type your answers and send them to me at [damianmericka@live.com](mailto:damianmericka@live.com) or attach through facebook messenger. **\*For Next Time read John Chapter 1 (full chapter).**