

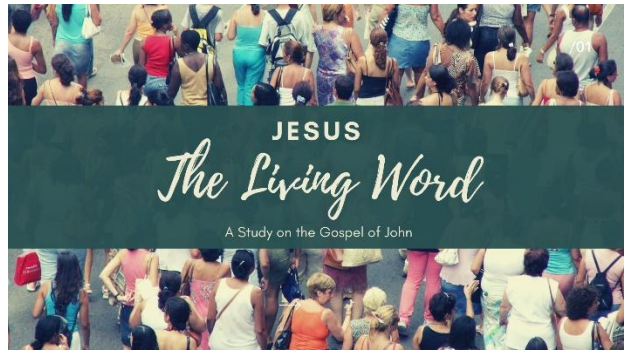
Study: "Jesus the Living Word"

A Study on the Gospel of John

Instructor: Pastor Damian Mericka

Week 3: Gospel of John 1:6-13

Study Notes Jesus- the Word of God



John 1:6-8. John the Baptist: *The Sun Will Rise!*

- o John contrasts the eternal existence of the Word with the introduction of John the Baptist. It was almost as if the Old Testament closed with this prophetic beacon that laid silent. Silent for well over 400 years. It was in the moment of the arrival of the Messiah that it came to life.

- Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6

- Luke 1:67-80

- o John and Scripture are clear to affirm that the Baptist is *not* the Messiah.

- Mark 1:7-8

John 1:9-13. Sunrise: *The reaching light of invitation toward Humanity on God's Terms*

- o John describes Jesus as the true light to contrast the blindness over the world due to sin.

- 2 Corinthians 4:4

- o The light of Jesus is invitational; it is the familiarity in every heart.

- Romans 1:18-21

- Isaiah 49:6

- o Despite this Divine Light of Invitation, the majority of Israel (and humanity) rejects Jesus.

- John 6:14-15

- o But to those who will receive Him (Deity & Humanity) in faith received the right to become children of God. It is not by race / ethnicity (blood), personal desire (flesh) or religion / government (man).

- Colossians 1:13-14

o The Son of God (Sun) has risen and is high in the sky- this is the hour of salvation. The sun will not set but will transition into the Eternal Kingdom!

"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

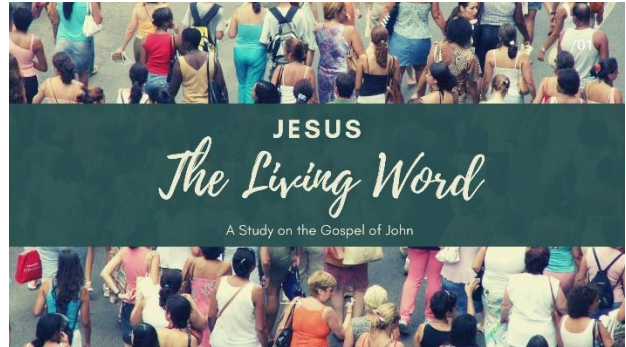
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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *Who did Malachi say would come before the Scriptures would be fulfilled about the Messiah? How long was the time between Malachi and Jesus?*
- 2) *Who fulfilled Malachi's prophecy? Was the Baptist the Messiah?*
- 3) *Why does John refer to Jesus as the **True Light**? Why can't humanity see without Him?*
- 4) *What does it mean to receive Jesus (according to **John 1:12-13**)? Can you receive Jesus without believing He is fully God? Can you receive Jesus without believing He is fully man?*
- 5) **BONUS:**
 - a. *Will man made religion or governments bring about God's Kingdom? Why or why not?*
 - b. *Do you feel your relationship with Jesus is one where your shoulder most of the weight to earn; or do you rest in His Love? How do you stay in this rest?*

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