

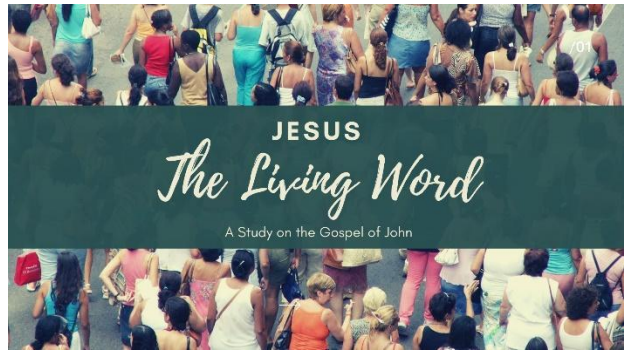
Study: "Jesus the Living Word"

A Study on the Gospel of John

Instructor: Pastor Damian Mericka

Week 4: Gospel of John 1:14-28

Study Notes Jesus- *the Word of God*



John 1:14-18. Following the Tabernacle.

o John began his Gospel narrative with the pre-existing, eternal part of the God Head Jesus belonged to. This was such a sweeping statement that would leave both Jew and Gentile audiences in awe; but John does not leave them there in that moment. All of this steps into humanity- 100% God and 100% man.

▪ Tabernacled (Pitched his tent) is the idea of God stepping into our world through Jesus. This is a development from the Tabernacle of Israel in the Jewish writings; and a strong contrast to what that became in the Temple of Jesus' day in Jerusalem.

● **Exodus 25:8-9** The Tent was made by man for man to come to.

● **Exodus 33:18-20** Moses was denied his desire to see God directly.

● **Exodus 40:34-38** The Glory came upon the Tent and none could enter in when God's Glory was present. When it departed the Tent had to be carried along to new location.

o The Tabernacle within Israel was under the Will of the Father; traveling as He directed. This was how Jesus, who brings this Glory to us and we follow Him today! Moses *told us* how to live (LAW); Jesus walks alongside side of us, leading and *showing us* how to live (GRACE).

▪ See -> **John 6:38**

John 1:19-28. Preparing everyone for Jesus.

o (Vv. 19-23) John the Baptist is on the scene now preparing people for Jesus in fulfillment of a prophecy (told before it happens) in their Jewish writings.

▪ **Malachi 3:1** John came to prepare the way for Jesus.

▪ **Malachi 4:5** Some thought the actual person Elijah would come back to life and fill this role.

o (Vv. 24-28) The Pharisees were devoted to the Scriptures and pursued righteous living (living what they preach), as well as were waiting for a Messiah that would come to bring spiritual and political deliverance. Some Pharisees would eventually come to place faith in Jesus and follow Him.

▪ Baptism was a sign of cleansing in preparation of service for the Lord (in this context). They see John proclaiming and baptizing that the Messiah was near; they are trying to understand if this is indeed the time Scripture would be fulfilled!

● **Leviticus 8:6**

o Although John was not Elijah or the Messiah, in the spectrum of what was happening John the Baptist was not even worthy to perform the duties of a slave in changing the sandals of the actual Messiah. *John's humility allowed God to work through Him into preparing the hearts of many for Jesus. It's not about me; it's about Jesus. Us -> Jesus -> Father*

"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

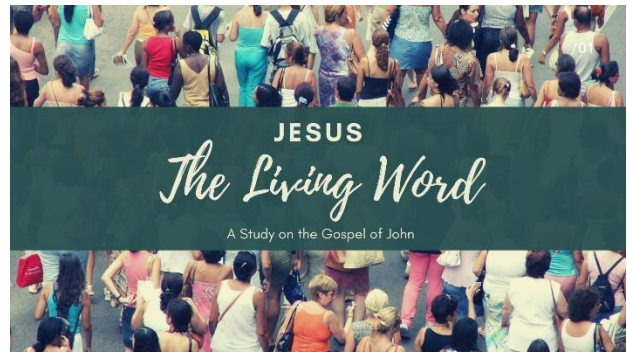
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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *What percentage of God was Jesus? What percentage of Man was Jesus?*
- 2) *The word for dwelt is tabernacled- what does this mean in John's context?*
- 3) *Compare the Tabernacle of Israel in the Jewish writings and John's definition of Jesus for his readers.*
- 4) *What prophecy did John the Baptist fulfill? Why were the pharisees interested in him? Were all pharisees against him and Jesus? How did John keep everything about Jesus?*
- 5) **BONUS:**
 - a. *What was significant about baptism for John and the Jewish leaders? What role does baptism play in the life of those following Jesus today?*
 - b. *Do you struggle to keep things about Jesus more than yourself? How can we keep our heart in check?*

*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).**