How To Introduce People To Jesus

We are the Forerunners for the second coming of Christ!

John's Influence On Christianity

1. John gave us baptism as a sign of our repentance and allegiance to Jesus

Luke 3:3 And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Have you ever truly repented and changed your mind about who God is?

2. John told us that Jesus was coming

Mark 1:7 And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals."

3. John gave Jesus His first sermon

Matt. 3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matt. 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

4. John introduced Jesus to the world, and to His first disciples

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:35-36 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

5. John was the first martyr of the Christian era

John 14:10 He (Herod) sent an had John beheaded in the prison.

What is the best way to introduce people to Jesus?

John gives us a great blueprint to follow!

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:6-8 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

John 1:19-21 This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

Deut. 18:15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him."

John 1:22-34 Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know.

27 It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'

31 I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." 32 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

33 I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' 34 I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

How To Introduce Your Friends To Jesus

1. Whet their appetite (John 1:26-27)

Col. 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

John 1:26-27 John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. 27 It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

2. Tell them about Him (John 1:29)

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:30-31 This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' 31 I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."

3. Describe what Jesus can do for them

John 1:32 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him."

John 1:33 I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'

4. Tell them about your experience with Him

John 1:34 "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

John 1:35-36 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

John 1:37-39 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

5. Encourage them to become a follower

Everyone needs a relationship with Jesus in order to find fulfillment in life!

-Whet their appetite for hearing

- -Then tell them about Jesus
- -Describe something that He could do for them that no human can do for them

- -Give them *proof* of this by sharing with them something that Jesus has done for you
 - -Then, encourage them to become one of His followers, by inviting Him into their life

1. Every morning, ask God who He wants you to introduce to Jesus 2. Start a spiritual conversation with who God has placed in your path