



The Gospel of John: Seeing is Believing

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Text: John 1:43-51 (page 887)

“Seeing” in John’s Gospel (John 20:24-31)

Jesus is always worth seeing. (John 1:43-46)

Sometimes being seen is just as important as seeing. (John 1:47-48)

Often our believing comes about in strange ways. (John 1:49-50a)

“You will see greater things than these.” (John 1: 50b-51)

John 21:20-22

“You follow me!”

Memory Verse:

John 1:50

Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

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Food for Thought for the week of May 6, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Read John 20:24-29. What did Thomas need before he would believe? Discuss the last part of verse 29. What is it like to not see and yet believe?
2. Would you be more apt to believe in Christ as an eye witness or as a person under the influence of the Holy Spirit’s ministry? (Isaiah 6:8-10, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16)
3. In verses 47-48, why is being seen by others, including God, so significant? List the people in the Gospels that Jesus saw or acknowledged while others overlooked them (eg. the elderly woman giving her offering).
4. Refer to verse 49-50a. Do you ever wonder if God sees or hears you? What gets in the way of us believing that God truly cares about and sees us? (Read the first part of Psalm 73 to get the conversation going, if needed.)
5. What “greater things” have you seen about who Christ is? (verses 50b-51)
6. Make a list of all the names used to describe Jesus in John 1. Use that list to praise and worship Him as a group.