JESUS IS

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- JOHN WRITES ABOUT JESUS IN SUCH A WAY TO SHOUT TO US, "REMEMBER JESUS!
 KNOW HIM! TRUST HIM!"
- JOHN CALLS HIS FIRST WITNESS TO JESUS' IDENTITY
- JOHN THE BAPTIST



 JOHN 1:19-23 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

¹⁹AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN, WHEN THE JEWS SENT PRIESTS AND LEVITES FROM JERUSALEM TO ASK HIM, "WHO ARE YOU?"



JESUS IS

- THERE HASN'T BEEN A PROPHET IN OVER 400 YEARS AND JOHN'S GOT A PRETTY IMPRESSIVE RESUME
- HE'S LEFT HIS PEDIGREE
 BEHIND AND IDENTIFIED WITH THE NEEDIEST PEOPLE OF HIS
 DAY

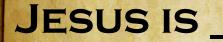
WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS PART OF JOHN THE BAPTIST?

- "THIS IS THE TESTIMONY"; LITERALLY MEANS WITNESS
- WITNESS TO WHAT?
- TO JESUS AS GOD
- TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION
- TO OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOR



- JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS AN ENIGMA TO PEOPLE; HE DIDN'T CONFORM; HE STOOD OUT
- DO YOU STAND OUT BECAUSE OF YOUR MESSAGE?





JESUS IS...NOT JOHN

• JOHN 1:20-22 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) ²⁰ HE CONFESSED, AND DID NOT DENY, BUT CONFESSED, "I AM NOT THE CHRIST." ²¹AND THEY ASKED HIM, "WHAT THEN? ARE YOU ELIJAH?" HE SAID, "I AM NOT." "ARE YOU THE PROPHET?" AND HE ANSWERED, "NO." ²²SO THEY SAID TO HIM, "WHO ARE YOU? WE NEED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO THOSE WHO SENT US. WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT YOURSELF?"

- JOHN SAYS- NOT/NOT/NO
- He's the right guy to be the witness because he honestly points
 People away from himself
 AND toward Christ



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- WHAT WE ARE NOT: DON'T MAKE MUCH OF YOURSELF
- WHO FINDS THIS UNCOMFORTABLE? DIFFICULT?
- WE'RE SO MESSED UP WE CAN HAVE ATTENTION-DRAWING
 FALSE HUMILITY!

JESUS IS...NOT JOHN JOHN 1:19-23 • JOHN 1:23 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) ²³HE SAID, ''I AM THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS,

'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' AS THE PROPHET ISAIAH SAID.''



JESUS IS

- JOHN ANSWERS THEIR QUESTION WITH A REVEALING STATEMENT- "I AM A VOICE"
- THAT'S US! WE ARE JUST VOICES....BUT WE **ARE** VOICES!
- WE ARE THE VOICE FOR THIS GENERATION TO CALL PEOPLE
 TO GET READY TO MEET CHRIST-NOW AND AT THE END!

JESUS IS...NOT JOHN • ISAIAH 40:3-5 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) ³ A VOICE CRIES: "IN THE WILDERNESS PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD: MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD. ⁴ EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE LIFTED UP, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL BE MADE LOW:



JESUS IS...NOT JOHN • ISAIAH 40:3-5 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION) THE UNEVEN GROUND SHALL BECOME LEVEL, AND THE ROUGH PLACES A PLAIN. ⁵ AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED, AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER, FOR THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HAS

SPOKEN."



JESUS IS

- LORD = YAHWEH = CREATOR, COVENANT GOD = JESUS
- THAT IS JOHN THE BAPTIST'S MESSAGE, AND JESUS' AND OURS
- CLEAR, CONCISE, AND SIMPLE

"MAKE STRAIGHT" = PREPARE YOUR HEART TO RECEIVE GOD
HOW DO YOU PREPARE?
REPENT, CONFESS, ASK FOR HIM, RECEIVE HIM

JESUS IS

- WE MUST BE A WITNESS FOR CHRIST!
- WITHOUT OUR VOICES THE GOSPEL IS NOT HEARD
- FAITH COMES BY HEARING!
- WE MUST NOT MAKE MUCH OF OURSELVES

SELF-ABSORBED MINISTERS

SELF-ABSORBED CONFESSIONS

- WE MUST LEVERAGE ALL THAT WE ARE AND HAVE TO TELL THE MOST NEEDY ABOUT CHRIST
- WE MUST AVOID SELF-GLORIFICATION

JESUS IS

 WE, THE SANCTUARY FELLOWSHIP, WE'RE NOT
 MUCH...

...BUT WE ARE THE VOICE FOR THIS GENERATION IN THIS PLACE AT THIS TIME!

JESUS IS

- WHAT IS YOUR TESTIMONY?
- ARE YOU SELF-ABSORBED AND SELF-GLORIFYING?
- ARE YOU PREPARED TO RECEIVE JESUS AS GOD AND SAVIOR?
- WILL YOU *WILL WE* BE THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS?



Feb 3rd at 7 PM at Bryan and Tricia Zody's Home RSVP TODAY for childcare! See your bulletin for all the details...



*** LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, AT THE GREATWOOD REC CENTER ~ BUY YOUR BOOK TODAY!

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Join us in providing blankets, sleeping bags & coats for our homeless...

All donations need to be turned in by February 13

More details in your bulletin



- Explore with us how Christ is our perfect Prophet, Priest, and King and the implications that this holds
 - This 4 week class begins February 13
 - RSVP *today* for supplies and childcare



Growth Goals

Ministry Table

Evaluate & sign up TODAY!

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