

When Jesus shows up

John 1:29-34

Introduction: John the Baptist was doing what he was called to do! He was baptizing those who responded to his message of repentance. John was defending his actions as the Pharisees were questioning his motives. Above all John the Baptist was giving credit and testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God who was to follow him yet was to be considered above him. Today we may better understand it by saying “When Jesus shows up” you will understand it better. And, show up Jesus did! From our passage today you can see there was no parade, no heavenly band of angels, no thunder and lightning, no involvement of the Temple elite. Only a life hardened carpenter that everyone had seen yet no one had paid much attention too. Yet prior to His baptism Jesus had just endured the 40 days of temptation by the devil, had gotten nourished and refreshed and now is ready to be anointed by the Holy Spirit for the sake of public announcement. This morning let’s look at what happens “When Jesus shows up!”

I. When Jesus shows up He brings a proclamation V.v.29-30

And it isn’t just a claim it is a testimony that predates the creation of man!

Those who know Him cannot help but point Him out.

Those who know Him know His authority over sin.

Those who know Him have Him as Lord and Savior

II. When Jesus shows up people have a problem. V.v.31-32

There is conviction of sin.

III. When Jesus shows up He brings a provision. V.v.33-34

Atonement!

Salvation for the lost!

Reconcilement for the backslidden!

Conclusion: Jesus fulfilled a promise made to the human race thousands of years earlier. That doesn’t mean God was saving souls, forgiving sin and setting apart His herald’s. There has always be redemption, only now it dwells among men and women in the form of the Son of God. Thanks to the comforter (the Holy Spirit) the work Jesus began two thousand years ago carries on today. **(Call for musicians)**. When Jesus shows up you have a few questions to answer!

- Are you saved?
- Is your relationship with the Lord on good ground?
- Is your relationship with others on good ground?
- Does your life (words, behavior, decisions) point others to Jesus?

(Close as God leads)