

John the Baptist

3 Crucial Days in the life and ministry of John the Baptist: John 1:19-42

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We note there are 3 *natural inclinations* that one has when they recognize and receive Jesus as the Christ.

I. The Declaration of the Messiah (v35-36)

v35 v36

"Behold, the Lamb of God!"

Romans 1:16

Isaiah 53:1

Colossians 1:5-6

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

II. The Revelation of the Messiah (vv37-38)

v37 v38

1. Those who *hear* of Jesus, recognize and receive Him as Messiah, are *naturally inclined to follow Him*.

But not everyone who hears of Jesus and follows Him truly *seek* Him (cf 2:23-24).

"What are you seeking?" Gk *zeteo*

“no one understands; no one seeks for God.” Romans 3:11

Psalm 14:2-3

Isaiah 55:6-7

Jeremiah 29:13-14

Psalm 27:8

Amos 5:4

Zephaniah 2:3

Psalm 69:32

Proverbs 8:17

Psalm 70:4

Not just any question. This is THE question meant to expose the true desires of the human heart!

This question is meant for all of us. *What is it that you are seeking?*

Meaning; Purpose; Security; Love; Acceptance; Peace; Contentment. All these are found in *Jesus Christ*.

Jesus is the *Living Water* that alone fills the empty heart and satisfies the thirsty soul.

Psalm 63:1

“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.” Psalm 42:2

John 7:37-38

But why does He ask us what we seek when He already knows what we want?

Because Christianity is a mutually loving relationship. It’s communal.

Matthew 7:7-8

III. The Invitation of the Messiah (v39)

v39

“Come and you will see.”

If you seek Him, you will find Him. Follow Him. Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you.

He invites all to *follow Him*. Looking unto Him with eyes of *faith*, we can *see* Him and *hear* from Him.

Isaiah 45:22; NKJV

“and they stayed with him”

2. Those who hear from Jesus Christ and believe in Him are *naturally inclined to want to know more about Him and be with Him.*

Jesus' Invitation: "Come unto Me and I will give you rest"

John 14:20

John 17:22-23

IV. The Identification of the Messiah (vv40-42)

v40 v41 A person who's seen and received Jesus as Messiah is *naturally inclined* to declare it to others.

John 4:29-30

v42

"looked at" Gk *emlepo*; 'to look on; to observe fixedly; to gaze upon; to discern clearly.'

Psalms 102:19-22