WHAT JOHN SAID ABOUT HIM.

APPLCATION QUESTIONS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH 2022.

Study of John / John 3:22-36

Introduction:

In this story, both John the Baptist and John the Apostle speak about who Christ is. Why is it important for us to know who Christ is and to tell others?

- I. Baptizing. (22-24)
- II. Questioning. (25-30)
- A. About Purification & Popularity. [25-26]
- B. John Answers: "I am not the Christ." [27-30]

Why was it critical for John to remind his followers that he was not the Christ?

- 1. Illustration of the Bridegroom. {29}
- 2. John's Statement about His own Status. {30}

What can we learn from John's statement in verse 30?

- III. Evangelizing. (31-36)
- A. Teaching About Christ. [31-35]
- B. Teaching About Faith in Christ. [36]

What does faith in Christ mean? How is this verse like John 3:18?

III. A Mystery: Work of the Spirit in Regeneration.

(3:8) Jesus is saying: "The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear it, but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going." You can't understand the wind and you cannot understand being born again! It is not something you understand or figure out. It is something you believe.

How did the Holy Spirit work in your life to bring you to faith in Christ?

IV. Moses: The Serpent in the Wilderness is a Picture of Christ Crucified.

(<u>John 3:14-15</u>) In what ways is the story from Number 21 of the serpent lifted up on the pole an illustration of the Gospel of Christ?

(3:16) Notice how this verse narrows: It starts with the love of God for whole world. But then it narrows. Salvation does not come to all, but to all who believe. It also does not come to those who just believe, for many people believe in many things. But the promise is to those who believe in Christ. The Gospel starts wide but ends up narrow. Only those who believe in Christ as Savior have everlasting life. The fact that Jesus Christ died for you does not save you unless it is applied to your life by faith.

(3:16) How can we share the Gospel message with others?

V. The Message: Believe and Be Born Again or Refuse and Be Condemned.

(3:18) In this verse, Jesus divides the whole world into two groups: those who believe and those who do not believe. Those who believe in Him are not condemned. Those who do not believe in Him are condemned already. Which group are you in? According to this verse, what is the reason why people are **already** condemned?

(3:20) Why do people refuse to come to the light (Christ)?

Conclusion: A Miracle (<u>Acts 26:18</u>; <u>Ephesians 2:1</u>)

(Acts 26:18; Ephesians 2:1) What miracles take place when we preach the Gospel?