

Morning Sermon 8/14/2022 –
“We Have Found the Messiah / the Christ” John 1:35-42

I. *The glorious repeated message, “Behold the Lamb of God!” The beginning of Christ’s church –*

³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. John 1:35-37 (NKJV)

1. *John the Baptist is recorded one day saying about Jesus “Behold the Lamb of God...” :29 and the next day he repeats this message again :35, and the SECOND TIME there are results two of John’s disciples start following Jesus - :37*
2. *The name of Old Testament Book “Deuteronomy” means second law, in the Book in chapter 5, we have roughly the same Ten Commandments given as in Exodus 20, but with better obedience second time, getting the second generation into the Promised Land.*

Point is, repetition is profitable, in verse :29, we read of no one hearing and responding to John’s “Behold the lamb of God” message, but in verse :35 two hear the message, and apply it ...

II. *What Andrew knew immediately, what many in Israel (and beyond) knew, about “the Messiah / the Christ –*

³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. John 1:38-42 A (NKJV)

1. *What Andrew knew – He knew immediately*
 - A. *Note Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist before he became a disciple and apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, John had prepared his disciples for Jesus / the Christ with teaching about Him -*
 - B. *It is John (the Baptist) who sets Andrew and another unnamed disciple to following Jesus ... with the B. T. L. message*
 - C. *They are “seeking” :38 – the fact they were John the Baptist’s disciples probably means they were SEEKING even before this day when they found Jesus –*

¹³ And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV)

I attribute to these men spiritual seeking and following of Jesus, even though seeking and following here probably is referring to an actual, literal following behind where Jesus was walking, why? Because the two things are connected! They were following Jesus because they were desiring His spiritual teaching, calling Him “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher) indicates this!

2. *Two disciples were invited by Jesus to **Come and see.**” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). John 1:39 (NKJV)*

Jesus’ words come and see must be examined by us within the richness of John the Apostle’s context:

- A. *Jesus’ sweet welcome corresponds perfectly with John the Baptist’s repeated message “Behold the Lamb of God!” the disciples get to “**Come and see**”; the same as beholding.*
- B. *In a slightly broader context, it is an invitation from Jesus to the spiritual, grace upon gracefulness spoken about before – :16*

Jesus invited them to come and SEE and they – ...beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 B (NKJV)

- C. *The tenth hour mentioned here is our 4 pm, it seems they were with Jesus from 4 pm that day and overnight until 6 am the next day, for us 6, for them the 1st hour ... Plenty of time with Jesus!*
- D. *Many, including myself, believe the unnamed disciple here with Andrew is the Apostle John himself, that is how he knew, he remembered those first hours with Jesus, but he refrains from talking about himself in this Gospel that is all about Jesus ...*

3. *One result of that time with Jesus was Andrew’s evangelization of his brother Peter –
⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.
⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40-42 A (NKJV)*

III. *Long before the internet, long before “Google” searching for the “Messiah” the “Christ” was a BIG THING –*

1. *You would expect Andrew, a disciple of John the Baptist, and this other disciple (I say John) to be seeking the Messiah / Christ because John the Baptist, their temporary Rabbi was the forerunner of the Messiah ...*
2. *Yet consider, they were not the only ones talking about the Messiah / Christ –*
 - A. *Those of the Pharisees, who questioned John the Baptist about who he was, have some knowledge about the Messiah / Christ –*

²⁴ *Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John 1:24–25 (NKJV)
Well, you might say, “but Pastor, they were religious leaders ...*

- B. *However, the Samaritan woman at the well, comparatively quite ignorant (not a religious leader or a John the Baptist disciple) was expecting the Christ too –*

²⁵ *The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “**I who speak to you am He.**” John 4:25–26 (NKJV)*

C. *Additionally, when the Samaritan woman, tells her Samaritan, male friends, about Jesus and about Him being the Christ, none of them need to ask her what she is talking about, they all want to see “the Christ” –*

²⁹ “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him. John 4:29–30 (NKJV)

Also, after some time with Him, they (the Samaritan men) conclude –

⁴² Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.” John 4:42 (NKJV)

D. *Peter also agrees with his brother Andrew’s conclusion about Jesus being the Christ –*

⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” John 6:68–69 (NKJV)

E. *At the Feast of Tabernacles, the CROWD was talking about Jesus as possibly the Christ –*

²⁵ Now some of them from Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? ²⁷ However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.” John 7:25–27 (NKJV)

³¹ And many of the people believed in Him, and said, “When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this *Man* has done?” John 7:31 (NKJV)

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. ⁴⁰ Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” ⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” ⁴³ So there was a division among the people because of Him. ⁴⁴ Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. John 7:37–44 (NKJV)

F. *Before He was crucified, Jesus’ enemies, leaders among the Jews, decided to excommunicate anyone who believed Jesus was the Christ –*

²² His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed *that* He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. John 9:22 (NKJV)

²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” John 10:24 (NKJV)

G. *The people seemed to have understood Isaiah 9:6-7 about the Christ, but not Isaiah 53 –*

³⁴ The people answered Him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, **‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’**? Who is this Son of Man?” John 12:34 (NKJV) *Hearing one part / missing another ... the Lamb of God part is not heard ... 2 / 3 wow!*

H. *But a right understanding is vital –*

³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31 (NKJV)

IV. *What should we know about Jesus as the Messiah / Christ?*

1. *This title means that Jesus is THE ANOINTED ONE, it has to do with a powerful anointing of God's Spirit ---*

2. *Three offices were "anointed" offices in the Old Testament: Prophet, Priest and King:*

A. *The men who held these offices were symbolically anointed with oil*

B. *The oil symbolized a more important anointing with God's Spirit*

3. *These offices also correspond to how we were originally created in God's image, and how we need to be recreated –*

¹⁰ **and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, Colossians 3:10 (NKJV)**

²⁴ **and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24 (NKJV)**

A. *As Prophet Jesus provides us knowledge of God –*

¹⁸ **No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. John 1:18 (NKJV)**

B. *As Priest Jesus provides the righteousness of God, by His sacrifice, and by His continued intercession –*

¹⁴ **For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. Hebrews 10:14 (NKJV)**

²¹ **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)**

²⁴ **But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. Hebrews 7:24–27 (NKJV)**

C. *As King He provides the holiness of God, by ruling in our hearts, making us loyal to God, pulling us out of Satan's dominion – Colossians 1:13, and making us servants / subjects of righteousness rather than sin – Romans 6:12-13*

He does not defeat the Romans, for the Jews, but aimed to defeat the ungodly Roman that dwelt even in Jewish hearts when they say –

¹⁵ **But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" John 19:15 (NKJV)**

They did not understand Christ, they thought He would rule like men ... Matthew 20:25-28

V. *We must and will be changed – John 1:42 Simon is renamed Cephas / Peter, continued with next week's sermon ...*

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