

Johns Gospel

As we have seen in the last few meetings the Gospel of John presents Jesus Christ as God (the divine Son), the one who came down from heaven to be the Savior of the world!

Is Jesus really the Son of God, or was He only a man, a good teacher, or just a famous prophet? This is the question that all mankind must answer in their lifetime.

We agreed that humans are sinners in need of a Savior.

The last two meetings we went a little ahead in the gospel and we learned the meaning of Jesus' "I am" divine claims and we learned the true identity of Jesus and His work. These claims by Jesus express the needs in our lives that Jesus can meet. ("I am": the bread of life (satisfaction of spiritual hunger), the light of the world (to light my way), the gate for the sheep (a place of refuge), the good shepherd (my protector), the resurrection and the life (my hope), the way and the truth and the life (my way to the Father),and the true vine (my strength.)

We also read what Jesus said about himself when he stood up to read in the synagogue (Luke 4: 16-21.)

Think of what Jesus was saying when he stood up to speak in the synagogue. Jesus read from the Book of Isaiah (Chapter 61:1-2) a portion that dealt directly with the earthly ministry of the Messiah, and stated that this day Scripture is fulfilled in your ears. This was a direct full claim to be the Messiah. Instead of believing Christ, and receiving the long promised earthly kingdom he proclaimed, they were indignant and sought to throw him out of the synagogue and into the valley.

Jesus Changes Water to Wine *(Physical miracles point to spiritual truths)*

John's Gospel deals more with the meaning of events, not just the events themselves. At the Wedding in Cana the changing of water to wine Christ "filled the emptiness" of the water jars and "transformed" the water. The faith of the disciples was strengthened because of this sign. The emptiness of Judaism is illustrated here. The empty water jars describe the condition of Judaism in meeting the spiritual needs of the Jewish people.

Today we encourage all to renew your commitment to the Scriptures and believe what the Scriptures proclaim. Most people believe in Jesus Christ, and they believe in Heaven. Yet they do not know whether or not they are going to Heaven. Most people know where their destination is when they're traveling somewhere. Yet ask them where their final destination will be, where will they be living forever, and very few know! The misunderstanding revolves around what is involved in attaining eternal life.

You can join us, we would like you to be part of our ranks.

