

New Testament Church
The Book of John #2 – John 1:15-51 – Behold the Lamb of God
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I Why expository preaching and why the Book of John at this time?

- A. Expository preaching brings depth, continuity and helps a congregation study together
 - 1. John reveals Christ as God – (eagle) - “behold your God” (Is. 40:9)
 - 2. The gospels reveal the “four faces” of Christ – king, servant, man, eagle
- B. John, the author John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation was a disciple of John the Baptist
 - 1. One of the sons of Zebedee (Salome his mother), a fisherman with Simon & Andrew
 - 2. ***John began as a critic but learned the balance of truth, grace and love...***
- C. We face a time right now when believers are called to be light in the midst of darkness
 - 1. We are called to be the stability in a time of chaos and increased hatred / violence
 - 2. The Gospel of John is a book that depicts *how to be light in the midst of darkness*
- D. The themes in John 1:1-14 will be repeated throughout the book of John
 - 1. Going back to the beginning – **created** to become a greater reflection of Light
 - 2. God is the **light that shines in darkness** (which cannot understand or overcome it)
 - 3. As John **prepared** the way for Christ, so we appreciate those who did so for us
 - 4. Jesus is the **light of the world** – the default position is a fallen world under sin
 - 5. The virgin birth is the **pattern** of our new birth – overshadowed by the Spirit of God
 - 6. The goal of **incarnation** is to grow into Christ as the fulness of grace and truth

II Behold the Lamb of God – John 1:15-51 – *Jesus as Creator* – “let there be **LIGHT**”

- A. v. 15-18 – John **bore witness** of Christ – greatest of OT prophets, least in the Kingdom!
 - 1. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of old - “this is he of whom I spake” - Messiah
 - 2. Jesus is “preferred before me” - Law by Moses, grace/truth by Jesus fulfills the Law
 - 3. Jesus the eternally begotten Son, pre-existent “before me” (v.30) – Eternal Son
- B. v. 19-28 – First Day – Jewish authorities ask “Who are you?” and “why do you baptize?”
 - 1. The Christ? Elijah? The Prophet? John said no – **He is not the light, Christ is!**
 - 2. “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness” – “make straight the way of the Lord”
 - 3. Then why do you baptize? “I baptize with water (of repentance)” vs. Christian baptism
 - 4. There is one among you whom you do not know – *this is still true today (Christ in us)*
- C. v. 29-34 – Second Day - “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - 1. The Spirit descended on Jesus (when baptized by John) – **Light (sacrifice) is power**
 - 2. He is the one who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit/power (new birth and fullness)
 - 3. I testified that “this was the Son of God” – inspiring some of his disciples to join Jesus
- D. v. 35-51 – Third Day - first five disciples called – **Come and see how the Light lives**
 - 1. Andrew and John, disciples of John the Baptist, begin to follow Jesus...
 - a. Jesus - “what do you seek?” – and “come and see” – John and Andrew follow Him
 - b. Andrew then went and found his brother Simon (whom Jesus renamed Peter)
 - 2. Fourth Day – Jesus calls Philip – strategic for Asia Minor – another of John’s disciples
 - a. Philip brings Nathaniel to Christ – “can anything good come out of Nazareth?”
 - b. The fig tree, a place where Rabbi’s taught, signified a devotion to OT Scripture
 - c. “*I saw you*” – Jesus sees us wherever our heart is – “an Isarelite indeed” – truth
 - d. “*You will see angels ascending and descending*” – **we are not alone!**
 - e. Some inspired to come, others called by God, some invited by friends – all kinds!