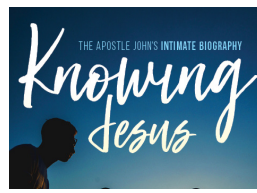


## Introducing the Real and True God

Reading: John 1: 19-51



## GROWING IN GRACE

### I need to develop godly attitudes.

- Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

#### Attitudes.

- Jesus asks me, "What am I seeking?"
- Jesus asks me to come with Him and see.
- Jesus invites me to follow Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

### I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading: *Loving God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three Persons, One God - one God of eternal and unceasing love, I praise You! Thank You that You did not merely reveal more of Yourself - this would only unmake me. Thank You that You revealed Yourself as You acted to save and redeem me. Thank You that a Son of God came as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Please send the Holy Spirit deep into my heart and make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel learning to follow Him and bring Him glory and praise. In His name, Amen!!*

### I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* John 1: 29

### I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to \_\_\_\_\_."

## GOING DEEPER

### For this week:

Go to

<http://messiahchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/John-Ch-1-529.pdf>

and follow pages 5 and 6

### For next week:

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and follow pages 7 and 8



## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. Nursery children meet in the Green Room in the basement (ask a door host). Sunday school kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.



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Next week's Scripture: John 2: 1-22  
Study resources available at  
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Pastoral Ministry  
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## Reading the Gospel of John

Dear friends,

We've begun a new sermon series, *Knowing Jesus: The Apostle John's Intimate Biography*. My Christmas sermons (December 17, 24 (am and pm) and December 25) looked at John 1: 1-18. Today we launch into the book in a week-by-week way looking at far bigger chunks of John every week. Please pray for me. I always need your prayers to preach well, but I will especially need your prayers as I go through John. This is for two reasons. First, I am taking far bigger chunks of the Bible than I usually do. I am doing this to line up with a superb resource from St John's Vancouver that encourages people to read and discuss the preaching text before they hear the sermon. I encourage you to go online to the **Resources** tab of Messiah's website [www.messiahchurch.ca](http://www.messiahchurch.ca) and avail yourself of this resource. Second, the Gospel of John has very simple Greek, but it is an exceptionally deep book. As a friend of mine put it, when you read a text in John, you think you understand it and then you realize there are new heights and depths to the text that you had never noticed before - and this seems to happen to even the most experienced "readers" of John's Gospel.

A few other matters to help you read the Gospel of John. It was probably written by John, the beloved Apostle. Early Christian writers say John was quite young when he became a disciple of Jesus. The same writers say he alone of the Apostles lived a very long life. We do not know when John wrote "his" Gospel. Most scholars accept the witness of the early church that he wrote the Gospel late in his life. A minority (including a non-scholar, like me) believe he wrote before 70AD (the year Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed). At the end of the day, the dating of the book's final composition does not matter.

John is very clear about his purpose for writing the Gospel. Knowing this will help you as you read. In John 20: 30-31, John says, *Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.* (ESV)

John records a small (relative to the other Gospels) number of miracles performed by Jesus. Significantly, John does not call them miracles, but "signs". John is concerned with the significance of the miracles - what the miracles point to - what the miracles reveal.

In his prologue (John 1: 1-18) John makes clear that the book is a testimony or witness. This is language from the law court - in a sense, that he is "telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth - so help me God." As well in the prologue, John says that Jesus is the "exegesis" of God. In other words, Jesus is the one who reveals and explains God, making Him correctly known and understood. Tellingly, Jesus both provides redemption and provides revelation. There can be no true revelation without redemption!

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