

John 1-3

Ch 1

Theme – Before the beginning, the Word was with & is God; Logos: Ultimate expression of God & Divine Reason behind all things); Creator of all (Col 1:16); Source of life & The Light (Lord referenced in 4 ways: Logos/ Word, Life, Light; & Only Begotten); Forerunner testified of who the Light was (JTB was a lamp, not The Light- Jn 5:35); Jesus is the True Light (only here & 1Jn 2:8); creation did not recognize its Creator, but whoever believes in Him has the right to become children of God, but only Jesus is the “Only Begotten”; Word became flesh & dwelled among us so we could receive grace and truth; we, who believe, receive His fullness & “GRACE UPON GRACE”- v16; only the Son who has seen the Father can explain the Father to us; John the Baptist’s triple confession that he is not the Christ, but was preparing the way of the Lord- Isa 40:3; JTB’s ministry prepared people so that Messiah could be revealed; “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”- v29; JTB was to told how he would recognize the Messiah; JTB proclaims the Lord and disciples follow Jesus; first disciples begin following the Lord; Andrew brings Simon to the Lord; Lord specifically calls Philip (is this the first calling?); Philip brings Nathanael to the Lord; Nathanael will see the ministry of the Father through the Son (Gen 28:11-19)

Ch 2

Theme – Mary attends wedding in Cana; Lord & disciples also attend; host runs out of wine & Mary brings the problem to Jesus; this is 1st sign, so Mary doesn't know what to do, only to take problems to Jesus and do what He says to do; water turned into wine (Miracle #1); our Lord makes the end of our lives better than the beginning (from bad to good, from inferior to superior); Lord relocates His family to Capernaum; first Passover in Gospel of John; first cleansing of the Temple with a whip of cords; “Destroy this Temple & I will raise it up in 3 days” statement- v19; many see the signs & “believe” in the Lord, but Lord does not commit Himself (literally did not “believe” or “have faith” in them)

Ch 3

Theme – Nicodemus comes to see the Lord at night; must be born again; Nicodemus can only think of physical birth, but Lord teaches that the Spirit of God will accomplish what we cannot comprehend; when Nicodemus still can't understand, Lord expresses that He & the Father reveal what only they understand (Jn 1:18), but we reject their testimony (Jn 3:32); Lord takes Nicodemus back to Scripture- Num 21:8-9; For God so loved the world... that whosoever believes (“whoever believes” mentioned in v15 & 16); promise of eternal life (v15 is the first of 16 mentions of eternal life in Gospel of John, only ch 6 has more mentions of eternal life than ch 3); Father does not want to condemn the world, but to save it (1Tim 2:3-4); the condemning charge (men loved darkness rather than The Light); when JTB hears that the Lord is gaining more disciples than him, he rejoices- v29; “He must INCREASE & I must DECREASE”- v30; JTB testifies that the Son is higher than the forerunner; Our God gives the Spirit of God WITHOUT MEASURE- v34 (echoed in Lk 11:13); the Father loves the Son; whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son receives the wrath of God
