

JUAN 1:35-51

REVIEW...

- **INTRODUCTION...**

- o The Gospel of John is different - 90 percent of the events in the Gospel are only in John!
Ang Gospel ni Juan lain sang sa iban- 90 percent sang natabo sa Gospel ari lang sa Juan!
- o Where the first three Gospels record the events of Jesus life and ministry...
- o Ang 3 ka una nga Gospel na record ang kabuhi kag pagpangwali ni Jesus...
- o John goes further and gives us the meaning - the purpose behind the events!
- o Padayon si Juan hatag sang mga kahulugan kag rason sang mga natabo!

- **JUAN 1:1-14 - IT IS ALL ABOUT THE WORD... PARTI LANG TANAN SA PULONG...**

- o 1st - Jesus – ang Pulong- wala katapusan/ Dios / ang nagtuga sang tanan nga mga butang...
- o 2nd – Si Jesus kasanag nga naga siga sa kadulom...
- o 3rd - Ang Dios nagpakatawo kag nagkabuhi sang perpekto-nanginmatay sa aton mga sala!

- **JUAN 1:15-34 - JOHN THE BAPTIST...**

- o 1st – Si Jesus labaw kay Juan – Jesus-wala katapusan / Jesus-nagahatag grasya/ Jesus-kabalo sang Dios...
- o 2nd - Who was John the Baptist - no the Messiah / not Elijah / not the Prophet...
 - He was the voice of one crying out in the wilderness - preparing the way for Jesus...
 - John came to show men there is only one way to heaven - faith in Christ!
- o 3rd - The baptism of John - meant to show men they needed to be cleaned up...
- o 4th - The understanding of John - he knew Jesus was the Messiah...
 - But he also knew Jesus was the Lamb of God - come to save the world from their sin...
 - He knew because of the power of the Holy Spirit - came down on Jesus like a dove!

BRINGING OTHERS TO JESUS... (4 THINGS)

- **1ST - LEADING OTHERS TO JESUS... vs. 35-39**

- o The next day - John the Baptist stood with two of his disciples... vs. 35-36
 - The one was John the disciple of Jesus - the other was Andrew the brother of Peter...
 - These are men we know go on to become disciples of Jesus - part of the 12...
 - But here we are given insight in how they came to follow Jesus...
 - John taught them - so when they heard him say - 'Behold the Lamb of God'...
 - They immediately left John and began to follow Jesus!
 - John the Baptist understood that he was not the one these men needed to follow...
 - His only purpose was to prepare them to follow Jesus...
 - o We are not the answer people need in life - the ones people should look to...
 - o God give us family / friendships - so that we could take them to Jesus...
 - o We teach them about Jesus - tell them about the Good News...
 - o So that one-day they will see Jesus - and choose to follow Him!
 - Even if it is not in words - we show them through our actions...
 - o I was on a missions trip to Kazakhstan - I had a muslim roommate...

- o His 1st words to me were - 'I don't want to hear about your God' - wasted trip...
- o God told me to let him see Jesus in me - be his Bible - **II Corinthians 3:3**
- o 4 weeks later he opened the conversation - accepted Jesus as his savior!
- o Many people will not take the time to read their Bible - but they do read you...
- o You life / your example - has the power to lead them to Jesus!
- o Jesus turned and asked Andrew and John - 'what do you seek'... vs. 37-38
 - The first words recorded by Jesus in the Book of John...
 - A very pointed question - Jesus wanted to know why they were following Him...
 - Still a valid question for many today - why do we seek Jesus...
 - There are many who are looking for what they can get from Jesus...
 - They think if they attend church - God will give them riches / blessing...
 - But Jesus did not come to give us a better life here on earth...
 - In fact following Jesus means you will likely face more challenges in life...
 - **John 16:33** - "In the world you will have tribulation..."
 - Because God knows it is in the trials of life that we cry out to Jesus!
 - God is far more concerned about our eternity - than the 70+ years we have here...
 - Following Jesus is about receiving a far greater reward - eternal life!
 - Andrew and John answered - 'where are you staying'...
 - Apparently the two disciples wanted to have a 'quiet chat' with Jesus...
 - They were curious - they wanted to know more about the 'Lamb of God'...
 - Jesus heartily invited them to follow - and they spent the whole day with Him...
 - Because God always has time for those who are truly seeking to know Him...
 - People often feel like God is not there - God is not listening to them...
 - But the reason is often because they are not seeking God with all their heart...
 - They will shoot up a prayer when there is a problem in life...
 - For the most part Jesus is just something you do for an hour on Sundays...
 - But we find God when we seek and search for Him with all our heart!
 - **Jeremiah 29:11-13** - "You will find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."
- **2ND - REACHING OUT TO JUST ONE ... VS. 40-42**
 - o First thing in the next morning - Andrew went to find his brother Peter...
 - You do not read much about Andrew in the Bible - not much is said about him...
 - But the one thing we do know is he brought Peter to Jesus!
 - This is the Apostle Peter - whom God would use to on Pentecost to start the church...
 - Arguably one of the most powerful and influential and men in history!
 - You never know how God might use those you reach...
 - Edward Norris Kirk felt a tug on his heart to share Jesus with a shoe salesman...
 - His name - Dwight L. Moody – one of the greatest evangelists in history...
 - Mordecai Ham preached the Gospel to a tough crowd - very few received Jesus...
 - But one of them was Billy Graham – preached to 215 million in 185 countries...
 - Too often we think what can God do with me - how can God use me...
 - But if we are willing to share Jesus with just one person - millions can be touched!
 - We have found the Messiah / Christ...
 - Andrew did not try and convince Peter - he just told him the Good News...

- Our job is not to convince people they need Jesus - that is the work of the Spirit...
- Our opportunity / responsibility is to simply tell them about the Gospel...
- You might be pleasantly surprised how many people would accept Jesus...
- All that is needed is for someone to tell them about His Love!
- **3RD - SHARING JESUS WITH SKEPTICS... vs. 43-49**
 - The next day Jesus was in the Galilee and said to Philip - 'follow me'... vs. 43-44
 - There was no doubt many people Jesus passed as He walked around the Galilee...
 - Perhaps He called out to some of the others to come and follow Him...
 - But Philip not only heard the call of Jesus - he immediately followed!
 - When God calls - are we too busy to answer - caught up in the cares of this world...
 - Or when the Lord calls are we ready to follow Jesus - immediately...
 - We never hear the names of those who did not follow - only those who did!
 - Philip went and found Nathanael... vs. 45-46
 - We have found the one the Law and Prophets wrote about - Jesus of Nazareth...
 - Philip knew his Bible - he knew the verses that taught about the Messiah!
 - If we are unsure ourselves about the Word of God - who Jesus is...
 - We are not going to be very effective in sharing that hope with others...
 - But as we grow in our faith - are strengthened by reading the Word of God...
 - We will have the answer when others question - and we can tell them about Jesus!
 - **I Peter 3:15 - "If you are asked about your Christian hope... be ready to explain it."**
 - Nathanael asked - 'can anything good come from Nazareth'...
 - Peter had not taken any convincing - just hearing from his brother was enough...
 - But Nathaniel was a skeptic - he was not easily convinced Jesus was the Christ...
 - Nathaniel was from Cana - a town very close to the city of Nazareth...
 - It is possible there was a rivalry between these two towns - a prejudice...
 - Not everyone we share Jesus with immediately receive Him as their savior...
 - Many people have bias or prejudices in life that keep them from believing...
 - When we tell them about Jesus - they assume we are talking about religion...
 - Or when we talk about the Bible - they assume they already know the truth...
 - Philip answered - 'come and see'...
 - Philip did not argue with Nathaniel - he just asked him to come and see for himself...
 - He knew that once Nathaniel met Jesus - all his doubts would go...
 - If you know someone who is skeptical about Jesus...
 - Every time you bring up the Bible - they think you are talking about religion...
 - You do not have to argue or debate with them - the solution is easy...
 - Just ask them to come to Bible study / come to church - and see for themselves...
 - Sitting under a tree... vs. 47-50
 - Jesus saw Nathaniel coming - 'here comes a true son of Israel - an honest man'...
 - Apparently Nathaniel was a very devout man - he truly desired to live for God...
 - Jesus knew exactly who he was - and what was in his heart...
 - When a skeptic is willing to come and listen to God's Word - God will answer...
 - The Bible study seems like it is just for them - as if the pastor 'knew'...
 - Nathaniel wanted to know - 'How do you know me?'
 - Jesus - 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip found you'...
 - Even before Philip went to talk to Nathaniel - God was watching him!
 - God knows the trials in our life - He knows the questions in our heart...
 - We might think God does not see - but nothing is hidden from the Lord...

- We have a fight with our wife in the morning - and the pastor teaches on marriage...
- We are wondering if we will be able to pay our bills - pastor teaches on finances!
- It is not the pastor - but the Lord speaking through His Word - reaching out!
- Truly you are the Son of God - the King of Israel...
 - Nathaniel was VERY impressed that Jesus knew he was sitting under a tree...
 - Jesus made light of it - 'you believe just because I saw you under a tree?'
 - We think it is impressive when God does a work in our lives...
 - When God heals a cold or a headache / when He provides for a financial need...
 - We are left speechless - amazed that God knew and provided!
 - Jesus told him - 'you will see greater things than this'...
 - When God says he will do greater things - He goes above and beyond!
 - God does not just want to bless us - He wants to blow us away with His goodness!
 - God wants to take us with Him to heaven - spend eternity with us!
 - **I Corinthians 2:9** - "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
 - Heaven is not the most amazing place we can imagine - beyond our imagination!
 - It will take ages - literally 1000s of years - in heaven for God to reveal it all to us!
 - **Ephesians 2:7** - "In the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."
- 4TH - THE GREATER THINGS... VS. 51
 - You will see heaven opened...
 - The greatest need for all men is to be saved from their sins...
 - All of us have fallen short of God's standard of perfection - heaven was shut to us...
 - So Jesus came down to open up heaven - build a bridge between God and us...
 - Why is it so important for us to point others to Jesus - be the Bible for them to read...
 - Why should we step out in faith to share the simple Gospel...
 - Why should we know our Bible - have an answer for the hope within us...
 - Patiently work with skeptics - encourage them to come and hear from Jesus...
 - Jacob's Ladder - in **Genesis 28** - Jacob had a dream...
 - Jacob was running for his life - Esau his brother wanted to kill him...
 - He came to Bethel - a very rocky and barren area - a dessert place...
 - In the midst of great hardships and difficulty - God met with Jacob...
 - While Jacob slept he had a dream - a ladder reaching up to Heaven...
 - **Genesis 28:12** - "[Jacob] dreamed... a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it."
 - Jacob's ladder is Jesus! He is the bridge between heaven and earth!
 - Like Jacob people are running for their lives - sin is after them to kill them!
 - But in Jesus - God opened up the door to heaven - gave us a 'ladder' - a way out...
 - Jesus is the ONLY way to get to heaven - the only way to have eternal life...
 - **I Timothy 1:25** - "There is only one God and one mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus."
 - We tell people about Jesus - because He is the answer everyone needs to hear!

