

# THE POWER OF GOD FOR COMMON FOLK

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John 1:43-51

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## INTRODUCTION:

The Plan of John's Gospel

1. Introduction, 1:1-18
2. The First Seven Days, 1:19-2:12
3. Three Passovers and other feasts, 2:13-19:42
4. The Resurrection of Jesus, 20:1-29
5. Epilogue, 20:30-21:25

### John 20:30, 31

So then, many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been 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.

Who comes to Jesus? Who rejects Him? Those who do come, how do they come and why?

**Proposition:** Jesus came as a common man to save common men so that faith in God rests in the power of God.

## I. COMMON WITNESSES

God has always used humans to take His message to other humans. We call these human message bearers witnesses.

? How did you come to faith in Jesus?

## **Romans 10:14, 15**

How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"

A. JOHN TESTIFIES

B. ANDREW BRINGS PEOPLE TO JESUS

C. PHILIP BRINGS NATHANAEL TO JESUS

## **II. A COMMON MAN**

A. THE ONE OF WHOM MOSES AND THE PROPHETS  
WROTE

B. SON OF JOSEPH

C. FROM NAZARETH

It was Jesus' very commonness that caused people to miss who He truly was.

John 7:40-42, 52; 8:41, 42

D. RABBI

E. SON OF GOD

F. KING OF ISRAEL

? What did Nathanael understand?

**2 Samuel 7:13, 14a**

He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me;

Psalm 2:2-7

3. Son of Man

Daniel 7:13, 14

? What does it mean? Here are some pretty good ideas:

1. Jesus is the link between God and man.
2. Jesus is the new Bethel.
3. Nathanael would come to a fuller understanding just as Jacob did.

### **III. AN UNCOMMON POWER**

? What is it that causes men to believe the witness of common men about a Messiah who appears himself to be no more than a common man?

John 1:12

Jesus' miracles proved who He was.

John 2:11, 23

Miracles themselves can't make someone believe.

John 12:37 (John 6)

The power of God is more than mere outward miracles.

John 3

### **CONCLUSION: SEEING JESUS FOR WHO HE IS**

### **APPLICATION**

? Are you seeking?

? Are you telling others about Jesus?