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More About Jesus

John 1:15-51

We recently began a study of the book of John. John was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, one of His closest men. He lived with Jesus. He walked with Him for three years. He watched him die on a Roman cross and claimed to have seen him risen from the dead. His words are those of an eyewitness.

1. What did John the Baptist (a different John than the man who wrote this book) say about Jesus in verse 15? John was six months older than Jesus according to Luke chapter 1. How is it that he could say that Jesus existed before him?

2. According to verse 18, "No man has seen God at any time." Yet we read in Exodus 33:11, "The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend." In Exodus 24:9 we read, "Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel..." In Isaiah 6:5 we read, "In the year of King Uzziah, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne..." Are these contradictions?

3. According to verse 23, what was the role of John the Baptist? What do you think this means?

4. Why was Jesus called "The Lamb of God" in verse 29?

5. What do you think might be the significance of the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven upon Jesus in verse 32? What did John say it meant in verse 34?

6. In verses 35-51 we read of how five people became followers of Jesus. Describe how each of them came to follow Him?

Two disciples (one was Andrew) -

Simon Peter -

Philip -

Nathanael -

7. Below is a list of reasons why some people become followers of Christ today. Which one do you think is the most common? Why? Do you think it is a valid reason? Are there other reasons?

Reason #1 - Examination of the historical evidence.

Reason #2 - Inherited from parents

Reason #3 - To fulfill a personal need

Reason #4 - Changed life of someone else

Why do you think some people *don't* become followers of Jesus when they know about Him?

8. Look at verse 42. Given the tendency for Bible people to be named according to personal characteristics, why do you think Jesus changed the name of Simon (it means "sinking sand") to Peter (it means "rock")? Has the presence of Christ made *that* much difference in the lives of any Christians you have observed?