

Sunday, December 17, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: The Apostle John Presents Christ Jesus

Series: First Advent 2023 ... 2

Text: John 1

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the multiple aspects of Christ Jesus as presented in John 1.

Introduction:

Last Sunday we examined Matthew's presentation of Christ Jesus the King:

1. Matthew Reveals Christ's Heredity;
2. Matthew Reveals the Witness of the Magi
3. Matthew Reveals the Hostility Against the King;
4. Matthew Reveals the Humility of the King

~ 1 Kings 8:27, "*But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house I have built!*"

1. John Presents Christ Jesus as the Eternal God:

~ 1:1 – 2, "*In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God.*"

Christ Jesus is the eternal God and according to verses 3 and 4 He is the creator, the life, and the light! To have life mankind needs at least light, food (bread of life), and water!

~ 1:7 The purpose of John the Baptist's ministry was that people might believe on the Word.

~ 1:10 – 11, "*He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. (11) He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*"

What people?

~ 1:12, "*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God.*"

Question: have you made a personal commitment to Christ Jesus?

~ 1:14, "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*"

God with us Emmanuel! That answers Solomon's question in 1 Kings 8:27.

2. John Presents Christ Jesus as the Lamb of God:

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

~ 1:36, "*and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"*"

~ Acts 8:32, "*Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth."*"

~ 1 Peter 1:19, "*but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*"

~ Revelation 7:10, "*and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*"

3. John Presents Christ Jesus as the Giver of the Holy Spirit:

~ 1:33, "*I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."*"

~ John 7:39, "*Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*"

~ John 20:22, "*And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*"

~ Acts 1:8, "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*"

Conclusion:

My Utmost for His Highest
by Oswald Chambers,
November 8