

## Getting to Know the God Who Knows

### Introduction

The Gospel of John has revealed the greatest theological tapestry of the Son of God in the Bible. The Lord Jesus is presented as the eternal logos, and the incarnate Son of God. John has transitioned from the eternal cosmic to the earthly temporal scene through the witness of John the Baptist to the Word who is Jesus the Messiah.

#### I. The Proclamation of the Promised Person 1:1-18

##### A. The Eternal Logos 1:1-13

##### B. The Earthly Incarnation 1:14-18

This next passage functions as a transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. Just as the nation of Israel needed “grace upon grace” this is seen in the provision of two people; John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah. John the apostle has taught his audience that the Word is God who enlightens the darkness of the world with the light of God. John the Baptist has been introduced bearing testimony of Jesus 1:15-18. John the apostle now continues the proclamation concerning the contrast of John the Baptist and Jesus the messiah.

#### II. The Presentation of the Person Promised 1:19-51

##### A. The Announcement of John the Baptist 1:19-34

###### 1. The Witness- For-runner- John the Baptist The Lictor -Announcer

###### 2. The Word- Firstborn- Jesus the Messiah The Lamb- Arriver

##### B. The Invitation of Jesus the Messiah 1:35-51

###### 1. The Structure

People Involved

Place of Activity

Point of Time

## 2. The Situation

- Scene One (Next day) :36-42
  - 2 of John the Baptists Disciples
  - 1 finds his brother- Peter
  - 1 gets a new name
    - Simon- Peter Petros Gk = stone
    - Cephas Kephos (Aramaic Rock)
    - Matt.16:18 Petros (Stone, rock) upon this Petra (Large Rock, Mass)
  
- Scene Two (Next day) :43-51
  - The People
  - The Potential:45Moses and Prophets Lk 24:44, Deut 18:15,Acts 3:22
  - The Problem :46 Nazareth
  - The Phenomenon 47-51
    - Similar to Gen. 28:12 (Is this what he was reading under the fig?)
    - Promise of greater things....First sign (2:11) (Ch 2-12)

## III. The Validation & Verification of the Promised Person 2:1-11 (Validation = It is possible and probable---Verification = It is actual-factual)

### A. The Story (On the third day..)

### B. The Significance and Symmetry

1. Who Knows who and what do they know? 1:39, 46 2:4, 9
2. “Increase Decrease” Motif (Miracle-Message) (1:7,15,27, 30, 3:30)
- 3 Who’s disciples? John or Jesus (1:35—2:11 see 2:2 and 2:11 His...
4. Believe in Him 1:12, 2:11 The signs help us believe in Jesus!

### C. The Summary

1. It is imperative that we Know Jesus (N.B. the names of Jesus)

#### **Did not know Him**

Darkness didn’t comprehend 1:5

World did not know Him 1:10

Came to His own and did not receive Him 1:11

Religious leaders did not know Him 1:26

John the Baptist did not recognize Him 1:31,33

#### **Find Him**

John the Baptist Declares Him “The Lamb of God” 1:29, 36

Disciples Discover the Messiah of Moses 1:41, 45, Deut 18:15

- 2 It is essential that we believe in Jesus- He is the Divine Logos  
1:12, 2:11 (John 14 I am the way the truth and the light...  
Acts 4:12 There is no other name under heaven by which a man can  
be saved.) Miracles help us believe the message 2:11, 2:23, 20:30 !

**Our Goal: “To Know Christ and make Him known”**