

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1.) In the beginning- Architect/Creator. Jesus was **ALREADY** in existence before the heavens/earth were created, He is **NOT** a created being.
- 2.) The WORD Eternal pre-existent, "...the Word was with God". Jesus is your **MAKER AND REDEEMER**.
- 3.) "*In Him was life*". Therefore, "*in the beginning*", before anything else but God, there was **ALREADY** life.
- 4.) "...dwelt among us"- means, "*He pitched His tent*", or more literally He chose to live with us.
- 5.) "...full of grace and truth". Jesus is the full expression of *Grace* and Jesus is the full expression of *truth*. All the truth to save is found in Him.
- 6.) "*The Lamb of God*", He is God's **SACRIFICIAL LAMB**.
- 7.) "...you shall be called *Cephas*" (*which is translated Peter*)." God names you and gives you a brand new start.
- 8.) "...under the Fig tree I saw you..." **GOD SEES YOU**, God knows you.
- 9.) Communicator. God speaks to us on our level, in the line of thinking we're **ACCUSTOMED** to, and, speaks directly within our **CAPACITY** to understand.
- 10.) God the **PROVIDER**. What Jesus provided was the best, and not in a small quantity. God is concerned with your "non-critical" problems.
- 11.) Boldness for **PURITY** and Holiness in our walk with Him.
- 12.) Vs 12 The real problem Nicodemus had with what Jesus told him was not a lack of **INFORMATION**, but rather a resistance to accept and believe what he had been told he needed to do.
- 13.) In vs 13 Jesus begins to clarify God's nature. He begins by telling us that He alone has the **TRUE KNOWLEDGE** of heaven and is therefore qualified to speak of God's plan of salvation.
- 14.) With vs 14 Jesus goes to OT to make His point clear. He pictures His death on the cross through a story of **GRACE** in which God provided a remedy for the "bite of the snake".
- 15.) In this story we see the clear analogy in which the whole world is pictured as **BITTEN BY SIN** and the effect of sin is death with only one remedy, by looking in faith to that which is lifted up on the cross.

16.) vs 16 "*He gave His only begotten Son*" means that God the Father gave the unique/one of a kind Son;

- the One whom He "highly exalted ... and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9);
- the One with whom He had enjoyed intimate fellowship from all eternity (John 1:1)

17.) JESUS himself is saying; for the entire world there's only one Savior, but only those who **BELIEVE** will receive eternal life.

GREEK WORDS USED TODAY

Skenoo; skay-no'-o [literal] "to live in a tent" to *tent* or *encamp*, to *reside*:- dwell
Arche (ar-khay') [beginning] source, or originator

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

If a man like Nicodemus is not good enough for the kingdom of God, then who is?

Note: Jesus never tackled Nicodemus... he gave him space to process all of this information. Nicodemus heard the plan of Salvation from God himself... but still needed time to process it.

How can you apply the principles of these truths this week?_
