

NOTES & QUESTIONS

WHY JESUS

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JOHN 1:1-4, 14, 18, 29; 1 JOHN 1:1-3

Introduction

His Uniqueness as _____.

1. Ultimate _____
2. Source of _____
3. _____ sacrifice

His Uniqueness as _____.

1. The qualified _____
2. The _____ sacrifice
3. The _____ truth

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. According to a recent survey, 50% of professing Christ followers believe that Jesus is the ONLY path to salvation. Why do you think that number is not higher? Why will what you believe in this regard impact your boldness as a witness for Christ?
2. Read John 1:1-4. How did John's use of the title "the Word" for Jesus relate to both his Jewish and Greek readers (per the sermon)? What's the difference between John's two statements: "the Word was with God" and "the Word was God"? (The answer can be found in the NIV Study Bible footnote for v.1.)
3. Read John 1:18 and Hebrews 1:3a. If Jesus is "the exact representation of God's being," what are some things we can know about God from studying the life of Jesus? How does this make Jesus different from other religious leaders?
4. Reread John 1:3, 4. What two kinds of life is Jesus the source of? Explain. Why are we in need of spiritual life? What were some of your signs of spiritual deadness before surrendering yourself to Jesus?
5. Read I John 5:12. Explain John's reasoning in this verse. Why should this motivate us to share Jesus with others? Has this moved you to do so? Why or why not?
6. Read John 1:29. Why would Jesus have to be God in order to "take away the sin of the world"?
7. Read John 1:14 and Hebrews 2:14. Why did Jesus have to become one of us in order to save us? Read Hebrews 4:15, 16. What encouragement can we draw from the fact that Jesus is human? What are some of the things you're glad to know Jesus "gets" about you?
8. Reread John 1:29. What's the significance of John referring to Jesus as a Lamb? Jesus chose to become mortal in order that he could die. What does that tell you about Jesus (many answers)?
9. Read I John 1:1-3. List all the words that refer to John's firsthand experience of Jesus. What's the difference between an accurate account of a person's life and a myth?
10. Why is Jesus the ONLY Savior? How will this influence the way in which you, as his disciple, "reach"?

PRAYER PROMPT : Spend some time praising God for sending us his only son, Jesus. If you're in a group, have each person pray through one thing they're grateful for in the person of Jesus (e.g., his perfect sacrifice, his humanity and identification with people, etc.).