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# Day 1

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## The Lord of Time and Space

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. *John 1:1-3***

Isn't it good to know that God who existed before time itself, Jesus who you are following, holds your life in His hands? He's seen it all. He made the universe. He can and He will bring to pass His promises in your life. The Lord of time and space always has time and will always be there for you.

## Victory In Person

**And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:14***

Limitless God chose to limit Himself. He was born a dependent baby. He worked. He sweated. He faced every temptation we face and never sinned.

Whatever you are facing, Jesus knows what it's like because He's faced it already and won! He doesn't just sympathize with our pain. He embraced it, removed it and heals it. Jesus is victory in person, and He offers His victory to you.

### First Found

**He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. *John 1:41,42***

When you meet Jesus it's exciting and it changes your life. Whenever something exceptional happens in our lives we automatically let everyone know. Whether it's, "Did you see my new car?" or, "I just won a sweepstakes!" , we just have to tell someone about it. That's what Andrew did. He found his brother, he told his brother and he led his brother to Jesus!

## That's Why I'm Alive!

**Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” But He was speaking of the temple of His body. *John 2:19,21***

Jesus' death and resurrection were no surprise to Him. He chose to do it for us so we could know God. The penalty for sin is death. He paid that price for us. The power for becoming brand new was the resurrection. It wasn't enough to only put to death the *old me*. It was essential to bring to life the *new me*. Every day I can point to Jesus' resurrection and say, "That's why I'm alive!"

## Headed For Heaven

**He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. *John 3:18***

Sometimes we can get a wrong idea about God's judgment. It isn't some celestial scale which weighs our bad thoughts and actions against our good ones; the direction the scale tips determining how we are judged. There is only one deciding factor. If you don't believe in Jesus you are headed for hell, but if you believe in Jesus you are headed for heaven.



## Increase

**He must become greater, but I must become less.** *John 3:30*

John the Baptist's purpose was to always point to Jesus. In our lives we can do the same. We can ask ourselves, "Does this activity, thought or path point to Jesus? Will it bring honor to His Name?" If we find areas where we must answer no, these are the areas where we must decrease, allowing His will to increase in our lives.

## Worship

**But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. *John 4:23***

Relationship. Jesus let us know that real worship comes down to a relationship with God. It is not religious motions. Worship is not a place or a ritual. Worship takes place as we are alive in our spirit. Worship takes place when we know the living God the Holy Spirit within us. The moment we experience the reality of God in His majesty and power, that's the moment we know the joy of His presence. In that moment we can't help but worship Him. He is worthy!

## Crossed Over

**So that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. *John 5:23,24***

Most people want to honor God. According to this verse it is a simple thing to do. Listen to God. Believe what God has said about His free gift of salvation. You are then assured of two things: you have eternal life and there is no condemnation for you anymore. In the land of death you were judged and condemned already. But you made a run for the border. You crossed over into the land of life where you live free from guilt forever.

## Jesus Is Life

**You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. *John 5:39,40***

Philosophy won't do. Religious musings won't do. We can't even separate Bible Study from knowing the person of Jesus Christ. As the Bible speaks to us of Jesus it should not only tell us about Him, but the Word must **always** bring us to Him personally. Jesus is life. Jesus is God.

## Believe In the One

**Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”** *John 6:28,29*

People often take God out of the equation. Tell them the good works they are to do and they'll try to do them, focusing on the results rather than on the relationship. God wants us believing in Jesus. God wants us trusting in Jesus. God wants us to continually run to Him to discover the works He has for us to do in Him.

## Satisfaction

**Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. *John 6:35***

Satisfaction. People reach for different things trying to experience fulfillment. Money. Power. Influence. Acquisitions. Relationships. Jesus has told us that only He can completely satisfy our lives. His bread is truly *Wonder Bread*. Believe in Him and you're drinking *Saviorade - the Thirst Quencher*. Accept no substitutes!

## Choose the Spirit

**It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. *John 6:63***

It's not hard to figure out that some choices are easy to make. Choose the Holy Spirit of God and you receive life. Choose the flesh and you get zip. We can choose to go to the Word of God with great anticipation, believing Jesus will speak words to us which enable us to follow after His Spirit. His Word reveals to us how we can experience His life. Let's be excited about God's Word.

## Mighty River

**He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. *John 7:38,39***

God's Spirit will flow through you. His power is available to you. Rivers of Living Water. You may have heard of the Mighty Mississippi. These rivers are mightier! You may have heard the song 'Old Man River'. This is New Man River. You are a new creation and God the Holy Spirit is alive and flows through you.



## Light

**Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” *John 8:12***

It is definitely easier to move around with the light on. Stubbed toes from stumbling through a dark house at night can attest to that. Where do I go? Direction. What do I do? Instruction. Jesus is the Light of our life. Only in Him will we see the way we must walk.

# Day 15

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## The Place You Live In

**So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; *John 8:31***

What has you trapped? Jesus will set you free! To discover how, continue in His Word, or as another translation says it, abide in His Word. Make God's Word the place you live in. You will discover the excitement that comes from Jesus revealing His Word to you. You will know the freedom that comes from Jesus changing you through His Word.

## Free Indeed

**Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. *John 8:34-36***

Sin is tricky. You think that by your choice you are the master but instead sin becomes your master. Jesus is smarter and more powerful than sin. When He died on the cross our sins were placed on Him and sin's power died with Him. When He rose from the dead I rose with Him as a new person that sin no longer has enslaved. I am free from that old master. In Christ it's goodbye sin, hello freedom and victory.

## Who Is More Trustworthy?

**You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies. *John 8:44***

We have an enemy who wants us to doubt what God has done for us. It's all a lie. Satan wants to kill you. God has already resurrected you in Jesus. Who is more trustworthy? Will you believe the father of lies or will you believe the Father of Life. Praise God, we will put our trust in Him!

## I AM Here For You

**Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” *John 8:58***

In the Old Testament Moses discovered that God called Himself I AM, the ever present One. In this verse Jesus reveals that He is God, the great I AM. Wherever you are He is there for you. Whatever you are facing He is there for you. It's as if Jesus is saying, "I AM here for you in all my power and all my love to see you through!"

## Unlimited Protection

**My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." *John 10:27-30***

You can hear God's voice. It is the inward witness that helped bring you to a decision to follow Jesus. You can trust Jesus to keep speaking to you. And He promises you that as His sheep there is no one who can alter your eternal life with Him. You are in Jesus' hand. You are in the Father's hand. You are within the unlimited protection of God Himself!

## The Resurrection & the Life

**Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”**

*John 11:25,26*

One of the greatest fears people have is the fear of death. When you believe in Jesus the fear of death is over! Physical death becomes for us, not the end of life, but rather the beginning of life without limitations. We have the assurance that we as believers really won't die. We will live forever with Jesus.

## Jesus Wept

**Jesus wept.** *John 11:35*

An impossible situation. A sad situation. Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus had been dead four days and their hope of his healing had died with him. Jesus knew He would raise Lazarus from the dead but still He wept. Why? Because we serve a God with victory and power for our lives in one hand, tenderness and compassion in the other. He embraces our pain. He is there with us, not to demean or minimize what we feel, but to love us through it and ultimately give us victory even if it takes a miracle.



## The Fruit of Faith

**But though He had performed so many signs before them, *yet* they were not believing in Him. *John 12:37***

What's it gonna take? Many want God to come to them on their terms, furnishing more and more proof that He is to be trusted. We come to God on His terms and simply believe. Jesus Christ rose from the dead! What other miracle does anyone need to know that He is Lord. Jesus does perform miracles; but miracles are not to be the basis of faith, but rather, a fruit of faith in the God of miracles.

## Love With the Love of God

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” *John 13:34,35***

God is Love. Love without limits. Love without condition. Jesus' command to love like He loves isn't a rule given to make us feel guilty because we cannot love this way. The command is a promise that we will know this kind of love from God to such a degree in our personal lives that it literally overflows to people around us. We can love like God because we love with the love of God.

## Come To the Father

**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. *John 14:6***

All roads may have led to Rome, but there is only one way to know God. Jesus! Although other roads may be morally good, politically correct, and full of ethical virtue, in the end they all reveal a sad evil. They are not the Truth. They are lies. They are not the Life. They are death. They are not the Way, They are highways to destruction. Jesus is not a philosophy of life, He is Life itself. Jesus is the only Way to come to the Father.

## Greater Things

**Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will *do it*. *John 14:12-14***

What had Jesus been doing? Miracles. When people were hungry Jesus supernaturally fed them. When people were sick Jesus healed them. When people were hurting He spoke God's eternal Word to them. According to Jesus, we are promised that we can ask God to meet the real needs of people around us, and He will do it! Prayer works and miracles happen today!

## Peace

**Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. *John 14:27***

The peace the world gives is based entirely on circumstances. If a situation changes from good to bad; peace is gone. What is outside determines what is inside. With Jesus the opposite takes place. He is the permanent peace within your spirit. No matter the circumstance, Jesus fills you with the peace of His all powerful presence. And then something amazing happens. What is inside can bring change and affect what is outside. Jesus first gives us peace while in our circumstances. He then gives us victory over our circumstances.

## Jesus Fruit

**I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. *John 15:5***

It's easy to forget, get busy, get crazy, and begin to handle areas of life on our own. We don't take time to pray, read the Word and develop the awareness that we are connected to the almighty God. If you are a believer you are in Jesus and Jesus is in you. And His promise is that you will bear loads of fruit. Jesus fruit.

## God the Holy Spirit

**But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. *John 16:13,14***

God the Holy Spirit lives inside of you. He speaks to your heart. He opens up the Word of God and reveals what it means. He guides your life with God's truth which He's revealed to you. He constantly point to Jesus, letting you know that every promise that Jesus has made to you involving power, life, love, joy, peace for you in your life today. God the Holy Spirit: your supernatural guide to success.

## The Answer Plus Joy

**In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. *John 16:23,24***

What a statement! Jesus declares that when we ask a request of the Father in Jesus Name He will give it to us. In context, one thing we may ask for is answers to our questions. Ask and the Father will answer. In fact, God wants us to receive not for His joy, but for our joy to be made full. He is the expression of unconditional love. He answers with a miracle and brings us joy as well.



## Jesus Has Overcome the World

**These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” *John 16:33***

Jesus does not present an unrealistic picture of life. In fact, because of our Christian testimony we are forewarned of opposition. God is not the source of people's anger and persecution of believers. He is our peace in the face of tribulation. Additionally we can be bold because our King has already won in overcoming anything we encounter in the world. Is there anything created more powerful than the Creator? No. Is misguided religion more powerful than real relationship with the Living God? No. Is hatred greater than Love? No. Jesus has overcome the world!

## The Only Begotten God

**No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*. *John 1:18***

Jesus is God and he is also the only begotten Son of God the Father. Only He can explain the heart of the Father to humanity. Through His actions and words on earth He revealed God's intentions for His people.

And what did Jesus do? He healed everyone who came to Him. He forgave sin. He did miracles. He offered Himself as a sacrifice for all sin and died. He resurrected so that we can become new creations.

Jesus alone is worthy of our love and our praise. He alone is the only begotten God.

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