

John Lesson #2

BSF Scripture Reading:

Question 4b

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read John 1: 19-28

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He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

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[24] Now some Pharisees who had been sent [25] questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

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Isaiah 40:1-11;

Comfort for God's People

[40:1] Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

[2] Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

[3] A voice of one calling:

"In the desert prepare the way for the LORD ; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

[4] Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

[5] And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

[6] A voice says, "Cry out."

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

[7] The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

[8] The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

[9] You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid;

say to the towns of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

[10] See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him.

See, his reward is with him,

and his recompense accompanies him.

[11] He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart;

he gently leads those that have young.

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THIRD DAY

Read John 1:29-36

[29] The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! [30] This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ [31] I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

[32] Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. [33] I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ [34] I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

Jesus' First Disciples

[35] The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. [36] When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

Question 6a

John 7:38-29; [38] **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.** [39] By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Acts 2:38; [38] Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13; [13] For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Question 7a

Leviticus 5:5-7; [5] “When anyone is guilty in any of these ways, he must confess in what way he

has sinned [6] and, as a penalty for the sin he has committed, he must bring to the LORD a female lamb or goat from the flock as a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin.

[7] “If he cannot afford a lamb, he is to bring two doves or two young pigeons to the LORD as a penalty for his sin—one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.

Isaiah 53; [53:1]

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

[2] He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

[3] He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

[4] Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,

yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.

[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

[6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

[7] He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

[8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of his descendants?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

[9] He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

[10] Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and
cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.
[11] After the suffering of his soul,

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he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied ;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify
many,
and he will bear their iniquities.
[12] Therefore I will give him a portion among the
great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Question 7b

1 Peter 1:18-20; 2:24; [18] For you know that
it was not with perishable things such as silver or
gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of
life handed down to you from your forefathers,
[19] but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb
without blemish or defect. [20] He was chosen
before the creation of the world, but was revealed in
these last times for your sake.

[24] He himself bore our sins in his body on the
tree, so that we might die to sins and live for
righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

FOURTH DAY:

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said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

[37] When the two disciples heard him say this, they
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following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where
are you staying?"

[39] "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and
spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

[40] Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the
two who heard what John had said and who had
followed Jesus. [41] The first thing Andrew did was
to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have

found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). [42] And he
brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of
John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when
translated, is Peter).

FIFTH DAY:

Read John 1: 43-51

[43] The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee.
Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

[44] Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the
town of Bethsaida. [45] Philip found Nathanael and
told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about
in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote
—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

[46] "Nazareth! Can anything good come from
there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

[47] When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said
of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is
nothing false."

[48] "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still
under the fig tree before Philip called you."

[49] Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the
Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

[50] Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I
saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater
things than that." [51] He then added, "I tell you the
truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of
God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Question 10

Luke 6:45; [45] The good man brings good
things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the
evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in
his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his
mouth speaks.

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John 14:6; [6] Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Genesis 28:10-22; [10] Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. [11] When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. [12] He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. [13] There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. [14] Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. [15] I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

[16] When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” [17] He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

[18] Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. [19] He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

[20] Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear [21] so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God [22] and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

SIXTH DAY:

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John the Baptist Denies Being the Christ

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