

# The Life of Christ A-Z

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Matthew 12:14-45/Mark 3:22-30

PARABLES PROPHECY (InterAdvent Period)

Matthew 13:1-52

QUIZICAL QUESTIONS (Who Am I?)

Matthew 16:13-20

REALITY REVEALED (The Transfiguration)

Matthew 17:1-13

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John 10:22-42

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Matthew 21:12-17/Mark 11:2-18

VISION OF VICTORY (Olivet Discourse)

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John 13:1-17:26

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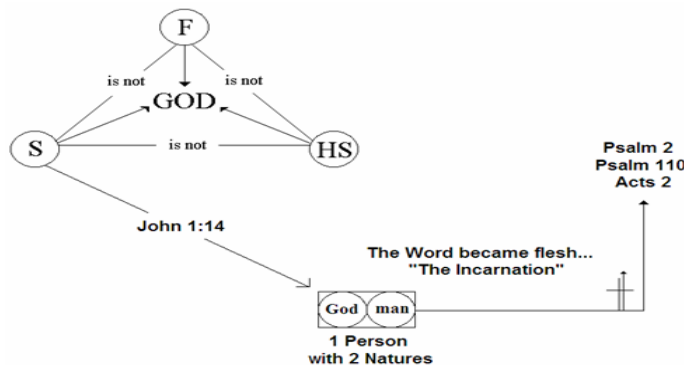
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YES! YEAH! (The Resurrection)

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In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:1 and 1:14

# First Followers John 1:35-51

## Context of First Followers in the Life of Christ

A: Angels Announce-the supernatural pregnancy of John the Baptizing Jewish Prophet (AKA: JTBJP) and the supernatural pregnancy of Jesus the Messiah/Savior.

B: Birth in Bethlehem-Mary gives birth to the humanity of Jesus (fulfilling Micah 5:2)

C: Carpentry Career-from age 12 to about 30 Jesus works six days/week as a tekton (a skilled builder/worker in wood and stone) in and around Nazareth and Sepphoris.

D: Dove Descends-Jesus identifies with and is baptized by John the Baptizing Jewish Prophet (prophesied in Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 4:5) and the voice of God the Father declares the perfect righteousness of Jesus as He begins His preaching ministry

E: Enemy Entices-After fasting for 40 days in the Judean wilderness, Jesus faces and overcomes three penultimate temptations from Lucifer thus demonstrating His perfect righteousness as Jesus begins His preaching ministry

## Context of First Followers in the Gospel of John

Day 1: John the Baptizing Jewish Prophet is interrogated by Jewish Leaders 1:19-28

Day 2: John sees Jesus for the first time since he baptized Him and points Him out as "The Lamb of God, who will take away the sin of the world." 1:29-1:34

## Content of First Followers in the Gospel of John

Day 3: JTBJP directs two of his disciples (Andrew and John) to Jesus. They follow Him to his camp and after interaction with Him become convinced He is the Messiah. After this, Andrew brings his brother Simon ("Hearer/Listener" to Jesus. Jesus immediately gives him the nickname "Rocky" (Petros-rocky/rough around the edges). 1:35-42

Day 4: Preparing to travel back to Galilee, Jesus interacts with Philip who believes in Him as the Messiah. He then tells a friend Nathanael, who is initially skeptical until he directly interacts with Jesus 1:43-51

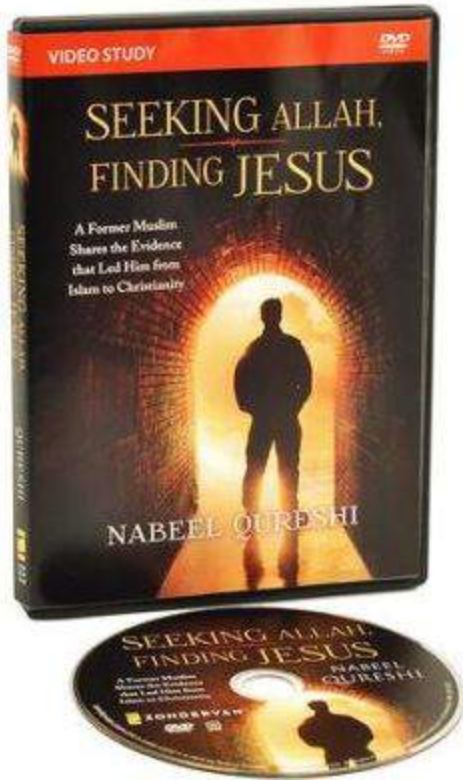
1: Christ/Christianity are Open To/Triumph in the Face of Honest Investigation (1 P 3:15)

2: Christianity is about Christ, not Christians per se...Our Job in Evangelism is Not to Impress Others with Our Knowledge/Experience But To Point Them to Jesus-Who He is, What He Has Done and What He Will Do.



This Morning 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour

Super Summer  
Children's Program in  
the Auditorium



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"Hearing" in This Context = A Legal Proceeding

## New Testament

The Gospel

According to Matthew

According to Mark

According to Luke

According to John

The Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation

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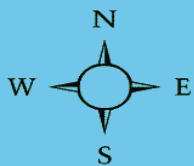
JTBJP is Interrogated v19-28

Day 2

JTBJP Sees Jesus for the 1<sup>st</sup> Time After the Baptism and  
Proclaims Jesus to be The Lamb of God\* v29-34



THE GREAT SEA  
(MEDITERRANEAN SEA)



Capernaum  
Cana  
Nazareth  
Nain

SEA OF GALILEE

Bethsaida

Gennesaret

Mt. Tabor

DECAPOLIS

SAMARIA

Sychar  
(Jacob's Well)

JORDAN RIVER

Joppa

PEREA

Jericho

Emmaus

Jerusalem

Bethany

Bethlehem

JUDEA

SALT SEA

ARABIA

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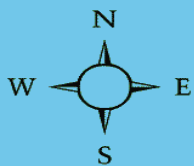
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# "JAPaN" in John 1

John

Andrew

Peter, Philip

and

Nathanael