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"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (title II Cor. 9:15)

Author of faith,
to thee I lift
My weary longing eyes;
Oh, let me now
Receive that gift,
My soul without it dies.

— *Charles Wesley*

Selected by Shirley Frick
Greenville, OH

A CRADLE LONG AGO

The year was 1809. The international scene in Europe was in disarray. The Austrian Empire, United Kingdom, the French Empire and Bavaria were at war. Napoleon's army was sweeping through Austria; both France and Austria were losing countless men. In anxiety, many wondered whether France or Austria would emerge from war as the prominent world leader? The future of the world was being shaped on the battlefield. Or was it? Could it be that the future of the world was being shaped in cradles that year?

For example, William Gladstone was born that year. He was destined to become one of England's finest statesman. That was also the year that a physician named Darwin and his wife named

their child Charles. That same year, Alfred Tennyson was born to an obscure minister and his wife. Little Alfred would one day greatly affect the literary world in a marked manner (poet laureate – eminent poet appointed for life as a member of the British royal household – during most of Queen Victoria's reign). On the American continent, Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and became a well-known author and poet. And not far away in Boston, Edgar Allan Poe began his eventful, albeit tragic, life. We think of these authors and poets and while we might not look at authors and poets as world-shapers today, they were very influential in shaping world views and social ideas of the time. And

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that same year produced the cries of a newborn infant in a small log cabin in the backwoods of Kentucky. The baby's name? Abraham Lincoln. —*Adapted from common story*

If there had been news broadcasts at that time, perhaps these words would have been heard: "The destiny of the world is being shaped on an Austrian battlefield today." But was the destiny of the world perhaps being more shaped in the cradles of England and America? Similarly, at the time of Jesus' birth, the big news seemed to be taxation. But a young Jewish woman cradled the biggest news of all: the birth of the Savior – the Savior of the world.

This time of year, the thoughts of many people turn to consider, what truly is the reason for the season? While this time of year has its hustle and bustle of shopping, parties and entertainment, it also holds an element of wonder. Even many non-believers know that the focal point of the Christmas season is that baby in the manger. But

many wonder...what of him? Because of this, it often seems that many people are more open to hearing about that baby or even more specifically, about Jesus than they may be at other times of the year. If we are paying attention, with God's heart of compassion, we may find some special opportunities to share of our Lord and Savior with those around us. This season, let us remember that cradle long ago that from God's grace and mercy, bore the Christ child. And as we consider his grace and mercy upon us, may we be prayerfully seeking God's guidance in sharing his love and truth with others, that He so dearly loves.

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Jude 1:21-23

Bro. Ken Brock
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SALT OF THE EARTH

Recently, this verse caught my attention," Ye are the salt of

the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be

salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”
Matthew 5:13

What do you think of when we are to be like salt? What characteristics of salt are we to emulate? I think the way it is most often explained, is by bringing out the preserving quality of salt. In days gone by, one of the ways to preserve something for later use, was to salt it and store in a dry place. Dried beef or jerky for example. We still use this method, but with modern preservation methods, it probably isn't used as much. I think it is an appropriate application, however if that is the only point Jesus was making and that was the only thing He meant for us to do, we as Christians haven't preserved this old world very well. I will say that without the influence of godly people in the world, it no doubt would have gone down in flames by now, but even with godly influence it is in bad shape. Rotting to death!!

I would like to suggest that there is at least one more way we are to be like salt. What happens after you eat a nice salty piece of ham, pizza, or fresh salty fries? Your body craves water. The salt is drying you out and dehydrating you. All you can think about is getting a drink and once you have one, soon you are thirsty again. As Christians, we are to have that effect on non-believing people. After they are around us, they should crave a drink from The Fountain of The Water of LIFE. We should be so different from anything they have been around, they should now be able to recognize the feeling of their soul “dehydrating” within themselves. Not only the feeling of a need within themselves but hopefully we were faithful to share with them with the source of our joy.

Go on now, Go out and be salty!!!!

Bro. Joe Cover,
Dallas Center, IA

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt.6:33

What is the first thing we think about when we awake in the morning? How about the last think in our minds at the

close of the day before we fall asleep? Seek God first and you will spend less time and effort seeking less important things. Seek God first and He will become the most important thing in your life. A lot of folks say that they are believers in Christ but anything we put before Him negates our claim. See, if you will, Exodus 20:3: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (The first commandment)

Where on the list would we put our home, our car, our truck, our tractor, or even our grandchildren? You may say, "I do not love this thing more than I do God," but how much time do you spend involved in it? If it takes more of our time than all

things Christian, then we must seriously rethink our relationship with God. Go back to our text and seek Him first. Seek Him with all your heart and you will not only find Him, but He will find you.

Mankind broke the relationship with God due to his sin, but since man was sinful, someone without sin had to be a sacrifice that a righteous God would accept. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2 His death upon the cross was the sacrifice, and His resurrection conquered death for whosoever will.

What is the first thing we think about each day and the last thing each night?

*Give of your best to the Master;
Give Him first place in your heart;
Give Him first place in your service;
Consecrate every part.*

*Give, and to you shall be given;
God His beloved Son gave;
Gratefully seeking to serve him,
Give Him the best that you have...*

--Howard B. Grose--

Bro. Lynn H. Miller
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JUST A GLASS OF MILK

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door, to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water! She thought he looked hungry so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it so slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."

He said, "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many years later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation.

When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes.

Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge, and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words ... "Paid in full with one glass of milk" (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands." —*Selected*

The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone else

at the least expected time. If you never see that person again, at least you will have made the world a better place by being a true witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Last year, I was shopping in a grocery store, obtaining a few items before returning home. I was going up and down the aisle when I realized there was an older couple in front of me, going at a slower pace. I continued to add items to my cart, when all of a sudden, the man wheeled around and said, "Oh, that hymn sounded so beautiful! I haven't heard that song for many a year!" Here I was humming the song, like I always do, when I work. It blessed me to be able to talk

about the Lord, to a man who also knew about my Jesus!

The next time you do a "golden deed", whether it is opening a door for someone, helping your parents work around the farm, cleaning the school house or the church house when it is your turn, giving your neighbor some food or taking a meal to a family who's "Mama" is sick, you are really doing it for Jesus. Scattering sunshine along the way makes the light in you be a shining example for others.

We need more volunteers! We need more workers to spread the Gospel to many who we come in contact with each and every day.

Young workers now are needed to serve the King above;
 Young hearts to serve with gladness, responsive to His love;
 Young eyes to catch the vision of Bethlehem's rising star;
 Young lips to tell the story to all the world afar.

Young hands to help the burdened, the sorrowful and lost;
 To save the shipwrecked sailors upon the breakers tossed;
 Young faces full of sunshine to bear the light of day;
 To those who in the darkness are stumbling in the way.

Young feet to follow daily the youthful Nazarene;
 What blessings came from Heaven whenever He was seen;
 You on whose brow is shining the priceless gem of youth;
 Come bring it to your Savior and serve the Lord in Truth.

Only a servant,
 Shirley Frick
 Greenville, OH

THE GOOD OLD GOSPEL NET

As a fisherman, I knew that while I was fishing out on the lake, the boat was in the lake, but I was in the boat. Between me and that lake was this boat. I can get as far into the lake as the boat would let me. I could do all kinds of fishing in all areas of the lake. If it were not for the boat, however, I would be in deep trouble.

That is like preaching the gospel. We are out on the lake fishing, but we are in the boat, which saves us from the dangers of the lake. We can go anywhere in that lake that the boat will take us and never be affected by the lake. If I am truly following Jesus Christ, he comes between the world and me. And I can go anywhere in the world and do my "fishing," and the world cannot affect me. The problem is when I try to do it without the boat. Then the lake overwhelms me. I believe the gospel needs to be preached out in the world. On Sunday morning, we gather together to celebrate the gospel's glorious message and exhort and encourage one another in our ministry. But out in the world, that is a different dimension. And we are facing

all kinds of dangers. Sharing the gospel is our top priority in the world. Just like fishing is a top priority when we are out on the lake in the boat.

If my trust is in Jesus Christ, I can go anywhere to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of authority of the Holy Spirit. This enables me to penetrate my world as deeply as possible with the ultimate purpose of sharing the gospel.

I think of those missionaries so many years ago who entered into pagan areas for the very first time. There were dangers all about them, but they persevered for one purpose, to share the gospel with the people who had never heard the gospel before. If those early missionaries had considered the danger, they probably would not have gone. But the urgency of the gospel overshadowed the dangers involved in going there. The circumstances did not overwhelm them. Certainly, they were affected by those circumstances, but their goal was bigger than the circumstances.

One missionary and his family were penetrating an area of Africa never before visited by

any white man. The dangers were obvious; the ultimate goal was worth the danger. They discovered a large village and decided to make that their first priority in presenting the gospel. Of course, not knowing the language there was that barrier. But they were not discouraged and settled down and built a house that overlooked the village.

The leaders of the village were not very happy about the intrusion of these white people. So, one night they decided to attack and kill them. They surrounded the house and were about ready to attack when they suddenly disappeared. The missionary looked out the window and saw them surrounding the house and was very much concerned and spent some time praying. Then the warriors disappeared.

Years later, many of the village people had been converted and a church had been built. The old witch doctor was converted and was serving as an elder in that church. One night as they were sitting around the campfire, the missionary brought up the incident that happened so many years ago. He asked the penetrating

question, "What kept you from attacking us that night?"

"Oh, missionary," the elder said, "we could not fight against the army that you had, where did you get that army?" "What army?" the missionary asked. "Don't fool with us, missionary. When we were about to attack your house, we discovered that soldiers were standing all around your house, protecting you. Where did you get that army?" The missionary chuckled and said, "I didn't know they were there, but I know who they were."

When we are doing God's business in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, he has a whole army to protect us from the enemy. God does not always do it that way. Sometimes he chooses another route. Sometimes the missionaries are martyred. Far more missionaries have had this experience than an army of angels surrounding their house.

Everyone faces some kind of danger in presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ. It may be our life compromised. Maybe our job. It may be a promotion. There could be many things, including relationships and friends. But we need to begin

setting down the gospel net to reach as many people as possible. I know we are not able to reach everyone. We do not know exactly who we will be able to reach. But we need to

approach everyone as someone we can reach for Jesus Christ and leave the results to God.

James L. Snyder
Ocala, FL

THE MIRROR

I looked into the mirror today:
Something I never do.
That visage scarred and marred must say
A lot of things to you.

The passage of time
Has not been kind
To pilgrims here below.
Life has more
For us in store
Than singing as we go.

The enemy lifts up his head
To injure and devour.
The Lord provides whate'er we need
And keeps us in that hour.

We love and trust Him with our lives:
He nurtures us along.
But our bodies long bowed down with care
Want soon to join the throng.

Who constantly surround the throne
His glory to proclaim,
And cast our crowns before Him there:
O glory to His Name.

No need to look into the mirror
When we can look above,
And see the One who set us free
And keeps us with His love.

Bro. Lynn H. Miller
Newmanstown, PA

CONNECTIONS

As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult SS Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.

Our December studies takes us through the final two chapters of 1 Samuel and then to some scriptural passages in Isaiah on Christmas weekend.

We have learned many things about the life of Samuel, Saul, and David, as well as many others. As we have gone through each lesson there have been various personal applications into our own lives, especially as it relates to our respect for the authority that God has placed over us and our relationships with other people that God has put into our lives.

The people of Israel desired a king, so King Saul was appointed. It appeared he had it all together and he held many possessions. As he turned his heart away from God and centered it on himself, it did not end well for him. As a result, we will learn this month his life ends with a horrific death.

On the other hand, while David did not always act in a godly way, his heart was after the heart of God. He has a repentant spirit and David becomes the king of Israel.

There are many applications from David's life to the life of the Messiah Jesus. Isaiah prophesied of one to come who would be a King above all Kings. Unlike David, this King would be the "Prince of Peace", and His "government" would have "no end." The Hebrew people looked for and longed for this coming Messiah, who would come out of the same family as David.

We, the people of God rejoice today because He has come to be the Savior of the world! He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Bro. Bart Hoblit
On behalf of the Bible Study Board

PHIL'S PONDERINGS

As we “study to shew *ourselves* approved unto God...”

December 2022 Study Questions

December 4 – Ziklag Destroyed - 1 Samuel 30:1-15

What is a typical first response when you are having a bad day?

For what reasons might David's followers think he should be stoned?

How do you respond to discouragement?

What must David do to rally his men?

Why does David call for the ephod?

What evidence could David use to encourage his men to chase after the Amalekites?

What two things does the Egyptian man want?

Commentary: Perhaps fighting for the Philistines against Israel wasn't that popular an idea with David's men. Those who hoped for some reprieve from this arrangement were greatly relieved and joyous to be heading home. No one cared for the thought of having to face a family member or friend whether on the battlefield or years later. Whatever joy they felt quickly turned to ashes upon arriving home to the burned-out town of Ziklag. Sorrow upon sorrow filled their hearts. As they ran out of emotional grief the grief turned to anger. Fingers of blame stabbed the air in David's direction. If they had stayed home instead of fighting for the Philistines their families and homes would still be there. David's leadership teeters perilously close to the edge of the cliff. “But David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.” (1 Sam 30:6) His first decision was to consult with the Lord by wearing the ephod. While David could have just said to his men, “Let's go,” asking God to direct their steps means they are going forward on solid ground. They also have the promise of God that all will be recovered. David's confidence in God silenced the mutinous voices. What David sees is unseen except through the eyes of faith. The Lord is at work in the midst of this calamity. Through

the eyes of faith he sees what is not seen and it gives him hope not only for himself but for all his men. There are no dead bodies littering the street. Their wives and children have been taken captive but are still alive. If this is true then these raiders can't travel nearly as fast. Encouraged by these facts as well as any exhortations to trust in the Lord they set off in pursuit of this as yet unseen enemy. Their first battle is against exhaustion as one third of David's men can't keep up the frantic pace. But the hope of those who continue is renewed when finding an Egyptian young man who has been left behind by his Amalekite master. He had become ill and no longer able to keep up. Once nourished and strengthened he agrees to lead them to the Amalekites. However, having been so easily cast aside by his previous master he is courageous enough to ask, first for his life and secondly for his freedom from his previous master. In God's providence one sick man left behind leads to the defeat of the Amalekites.

December 11 – David Recovers All the Amalekites had Taken - 1 Samuel 30:16-31

What major advantage does David have militarily in attacking the Amalekites?

Why does the battle last so long?

How do you imagine this battle taking place?

What is the best explanation for what becomes David's spoil?

What is David's reason for sharing the spoil alike with those who stayed behind?

Who does David say the spoil belongs to?

What spiritual benefits does God owe you?

Commentary: "How's your week going, David?"

"How much time do you have to listen?", may well have been his response. It has been a very difficult, physically demanding, spiritually challenging week to say the least. Ultimately, it has also been a very rewarding, spiritually growing week. With all that has gone

on the description of the battle with the Amalekites is anti-climactic requiring but one verse of Scripture to describe. The verse previous merely describes the celebration taking place amongst the Amalekites. They were caught completely by surprise, but it took from twilight of one day to evening of the next for David's men to finish off the last pockets of resistance by the Amalekites. All is recovered as God had promised. The extra livestock taken by the Amalekites from Judah and the Philistines in their raiding becomes David's spoil. When David begins to share the spoil with the men left behind because of exhaustion, others who had risked their lives in the battle objected. This is a teaching moment for David and certainly applies to our own lives as well. Spoil, those things gained as a result of the victorious battle, are not something earned no matter how bravely one has fought. Rather, it is a gift from God to be shared equally by all. The "spoils of Christ" are not something we've earned. Rather, they are gifts God has given. We may be stewards of little or much. What we receive is His for the purpose of expanding His kingdom and His fame that culminates in the gift of eternal life.

December 18 – Saul's Tragic Death - 1 Samuel 31:1-13

Have you ever found yourself in a battle where everything went wrong and everything lost?

What actions does fear frequently produce?

What does Saul fear more than death?

If an exit poll had been taken on the benefits of having a king what likely results would appear?

If this chapter leaves you feeling sad what are the reasons?

Why did the men of Jabesh Gilead feel obliged to rescue the bodies of Saul and his sons?

Commentary: Death comes to all. While death may inspire some to succeed beyond their failures a somberness hangs over Saul's death. There is a sense of recompense: he got what he deserved. But the somberness mourns over what could have been. There was

a goodness and openness about Saul. He did not think so highly of himself at the beginning. He hid from the spotlight of human adoration by hiding in the baggage at his coronation. But before long his humility turned to trusting in his authority as king. David's popularity only inflated his jealousy. His growing insecurities fostered murderous intentions and murderous results. The insanity that fed his fears ruined his reign. His death stripped him of any honor we can point to. Yet in the darkness of his death a ray of hope appears. Even the darkest of men have done some good sometime. The men of Jabesh Gilead remember his rescue of their city from the Ammonites. Under cover of night they rescue the bodies of Saul and his three sons that were hung as a spectacle for all to see on the wall of Beth Shan. They have not forgotten the good with which he started his reign.

December 25 – The Birth of Christ - Isa 7:10-16, 9:1-7, 11:1-10

Who is Ahaz?

Why does Ahaz choose not to test the Lord?

What is Ahaz's likely response to God's sign?

In the New Testament the area of Zebulun and Naphtali is generally referred to by what name?

In Isaiah 9:3-5 what is being implied in the descriptions Isaiah uses?

What is the difference between a wonderful counselor and a counselor who is wonderful?

Who has come and who has yet to come from the stem of Jesse that Isaiah refers to?

In all three passages what are some of the common characteristics and expectations?

Commentary: If last week's SS lesson left you saddened and sorrowful then this week's lesson should encourage all our hearts. Isaiah has had his heart broken many times by kings like Saul. They have fought similar battles that ended in defeat or exalted themselves in

victory with no thought of God. What Isaiah sees is a time that brings hope for those who love God. It is a time when the Messiah shall rule the nations. While He rules with a rod of iron (there is nothing weak in His ruling of the nations) but peace is the means of every victory. In other words there are no armies or navies or other military means to achieve peace. It is the blood of Christ that defeats our sin. His peace conquers our human frailties. His Spirit has transformed our hearts to rejoice in Christ and glory in the God of Heaven. As did Isaiah we still live among the follies of sin that surround us. Unlike Isaiah we have already seen God's down payment for our souls through the death of His Son, Jesus. We have already begun to taste the fruits of peace that await us in eternity. We look forward to that upper and better kingdom where Christ's rule is complete. We have the joy of celebrating this day each year that reminds us that our small lives are bound up in the glorious appearing of our Lord, first in that manger, and then when every eye shall see Him at His coming again.

MARRIAGES (2022)

Christopher Cordrey & Evelyn Brock. Christopher (Chris), son of Mark & Beth Cordrey and Evelyn (Evie) Brock, daughter of Ken & Melissa Brock were united in marriage on May 7 at Archbold, Ohio. They reside in Ceres, California.

Kyrell Rissler & Sidney Mohler. Kyrell, son of John & Karen Rissler and Sidney, daughter of Jeremy & Rose Mohler were united in marriage on June 11 at Bradford, Ohio. They reside in Versailles, Missouri.

Austin Smucker & Cherilyn Noecker. Austin, son of John & Laura Smucker and Cherilyn, daughter of Ray & Cheryl Noecker were united in marriage on July 16 at Hart, Michigan. They reside in Culver, Oregon.

Alec Brock & Kendra Castle. Alec, son of Ken & Melissa Brock and Kendra, daughter of Todd & Anna Castle were united in marriage on July 29 at New Virginia, Iowa. They reside in West Unity, Ohio.

Austin Noll & Vanessa Baum. Austin, son of Jason & Sandy Noll and Vanessa, daughter of Doyle & Kathy Baum were united in marriage August 6 at Auburn, PA. They reside in Pine Grove, PA.

Dallas Brown & Alyssa Reed. Dallas, son of George & Colleen Brown and Alyssa, daughter of Josh & Joy Reed were united in marriage on August 20 at Archbold Ohio. They reside in West Unity, Ohio.

NEWS ITEMS

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers and wishes for Marilyn's well being. And thank you for your prayers and wishes to both of us over the past few months.

Milton & Marilyn Cook

Notice

In preparation for the February issue of the Bible Monitor, please send me any corrections, additions or deletions regarding the Ministerial List, the Deacon List or contact information for the congregations. This information should be supplied by the Presiding Elder or his designate by late December so that the February issue can be as accurate as possible.

Thank you,
Bro. Ken Brock

Rudy Cover Bible Story Book

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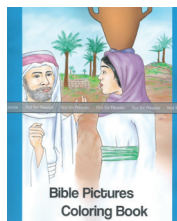


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Bro. Ken Brock

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR
JANUARY 2023****January 1 - John 1:1-18 - Behold the Glory of the Word that Became
Flesh**

1. Who is the Word and why does John emphasize that this Word was with God in the beginning?

2. What role does the Word play “in the beginning”?

3. How are grace and truth different from the law?

January 8 - John 1:19-34 - The Voice of one Crying in the Wilderness

1. What credentials does John confess to not have when asked by the priests and Levites?

2. Does John answer the Pharisees' question about baptism?

3. John implies strongly that he did not know Jesus before his baptism in spite of the fact that they are related. What charge do they avoid by their previous anonymity?

January 15 - John 1:35-51 - Come and See Christ

1. What example does John provide us in verse 35?

2. What word does Andrew or the other disciple use that conveys a greater interest in Jesus than just where he is staying?

3. What excites you about Jesus that leads you to follow Him?

January 22 - John 2:1-17 - Water to Wine the Beginning of Signs

1. What portrait of Mary can we begin to draw in her brief conversation with Jesus?

2. What role do the servants play in turning water into wine?

3. What likely motives began the selling of animals for sacrifice at the temple and what had those motives turned into?

January 29 - John 2:18-3:12 - Born Again by Water and Spirit

1. What sign did Jesus give to the Jews and to us?

2. For what do you yearn most: miraculous signs or deeper inward conviction?

3. Do you believe because you see or do you see because you believe?

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