

COME, SEE THE LAMB

John 1:19-34; John 1:35-51

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Key Verse:

“And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”
John 1:34

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him
that day.
John 1:39

The Point:

As disciples we follow Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Making Connections:

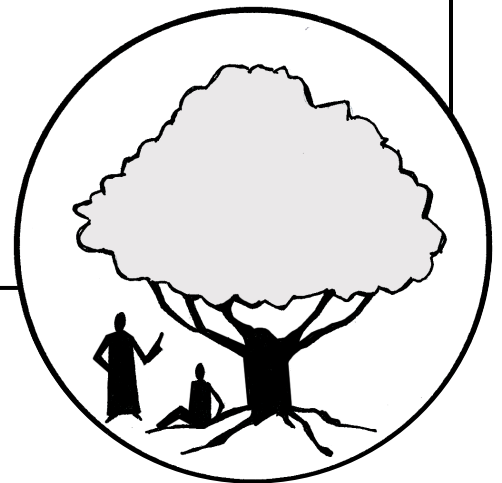
Encountering the Messiah

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Gospel

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

The assigned texts describes two days in the beginning of Jesus' ministry. John (in other Gospels called "the Baptist"), who had his own ministry calling for repentance and baptizing in the Jordan River, was standing with some of his own followers when he saw Jesus and proclaimed Jesus to be the Lamb of God. John prepares the way and calls others to come and see as they encounter the Messiah.

Story Summary:

Come, See the Lamb

John travels the country, preparing for Jesus' arrival. John corrects the assumption by many of his followers that he is the messiah for whom they wait. Over and over again, he corrects their misinterpretation by pointing to the coming of Jesus, the true Messiah. John is the lowly one, the servant, unworthy of even untying the sandals of Jesus. John clarifies that his baptism is a baptism of water, while Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John is merely the messenger, while Jesus is the Lamb of God, the one who will cleanse them from their sins. He shares what he has seen: that the Holy Spirit rests with Jesus.

Many of those who saw Jesus named him as the Messiah. John called Jesus "the Lamb of God." Andrew found his brother and said that they had found the Messiah. Philip told Nathanael that they had found the one "about whom Moses in the law

and also the prophets wrote" (John 1:45).

Nathanael responded to Jesus by calling him the Son of God and the King of Israel. All of these titles identify Jesus as the promised Messiah, the one for whom many had been waiting a long time.

However, seeing Jesus and naming him was not enough for these men. After they met Jesus, they became his disciples. The word "disciple" means "student." At this time, the disciples of a rabbi (teacher) were not there to learn facts and figures, but to learn the rabbi's way of thinking and acting.

The Point

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John's purpose was to prepare the people for the revelation of Jesus as Messiah. As John testifies about whom he knows Jesus to be, we too are called to testify about Jesus as God's promised Savior. Like John, we can point people to Jesus. That does not mean we have no questions about following Jesus. It is as the first disciples begin to follow Jesus and learn whom he really is that their trust deepens. The same is true with us. It is as we continue to follow Jesus and seek to live as his disciples, that our trust deepens and our lives better reflect his teachings and the good news of God's redemption.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

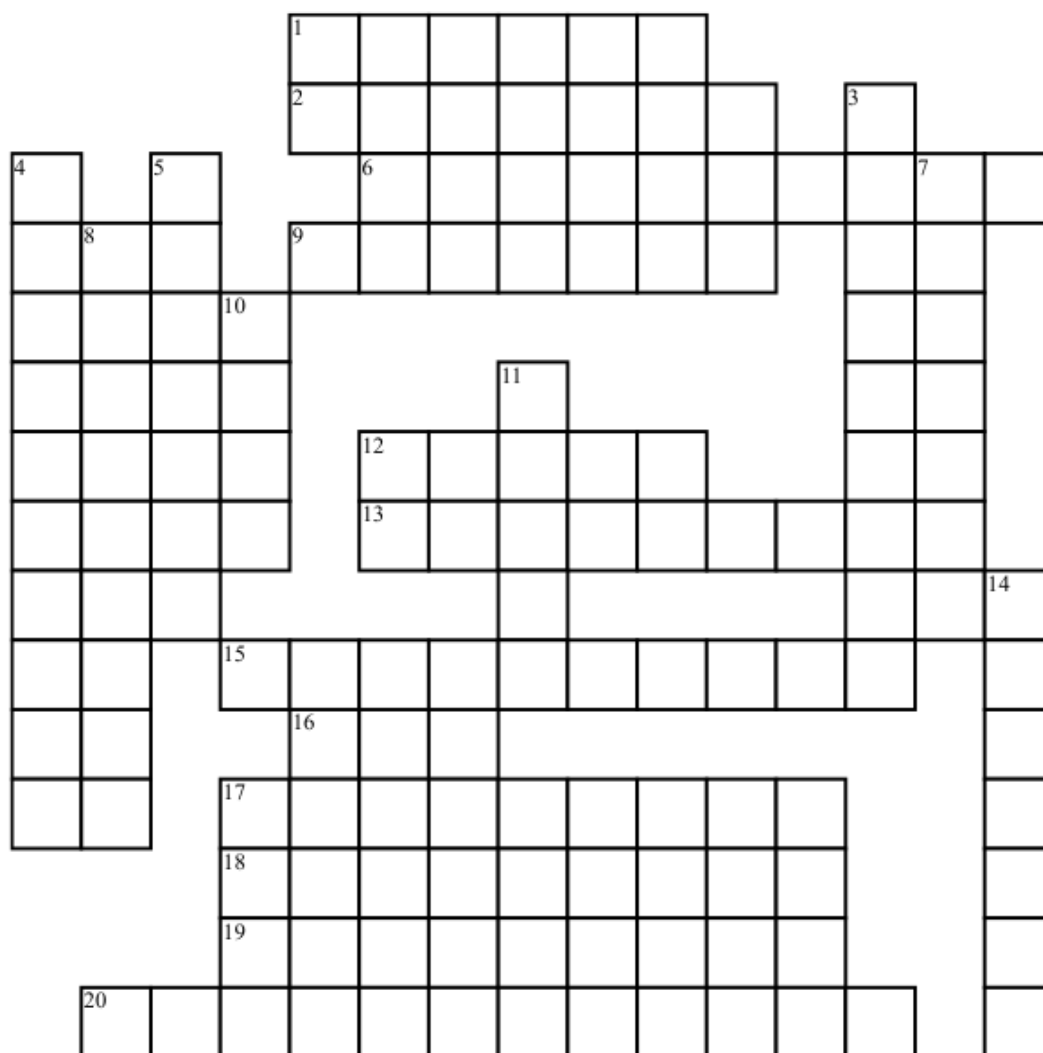
Gospels

The word “gospel” means “good news”, and is used to describe the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. People often find it difficult to understand how four writers who are essentially telling the same story can take such different viewpoints. Readers must take into consideration the personality and focus of each individual writer, the culture of the day, the circumstances in which each lived, and the audience to whom each wrote. Much as witnesses to an event may have different accounts based on where they were standing and what affected them the most, the Gospel writers have a different perspective and view to the story of Jesus. By including all four Gospels in our Bibles, we have a greater and more complex picture of Jesus’ ministry on earth.

Spiritual Practice: Prayer

Prayer can be both a corporate and a personal practice. In the two passages for this extended lesson, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit through baptism. Baptism often happens in the corporate setting of worship, and is an entrance into the family of God known as the church. The second lesson tells of Jesus calling the disciples personally, by name. Jesus also calls each of us by name; yet we travel together in community along this journey of faith.

Christmas Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Traditional christmas beverage
2. When you are cold, you put them on your hands
6. The flower associated with Christmas
9. The most famous reindeer of all
12. What people traditionally put on the top of their trees
13. A minty treat that is usually red and white
15. What you make when you lay in the snow and move your arms and legs back-and-forth

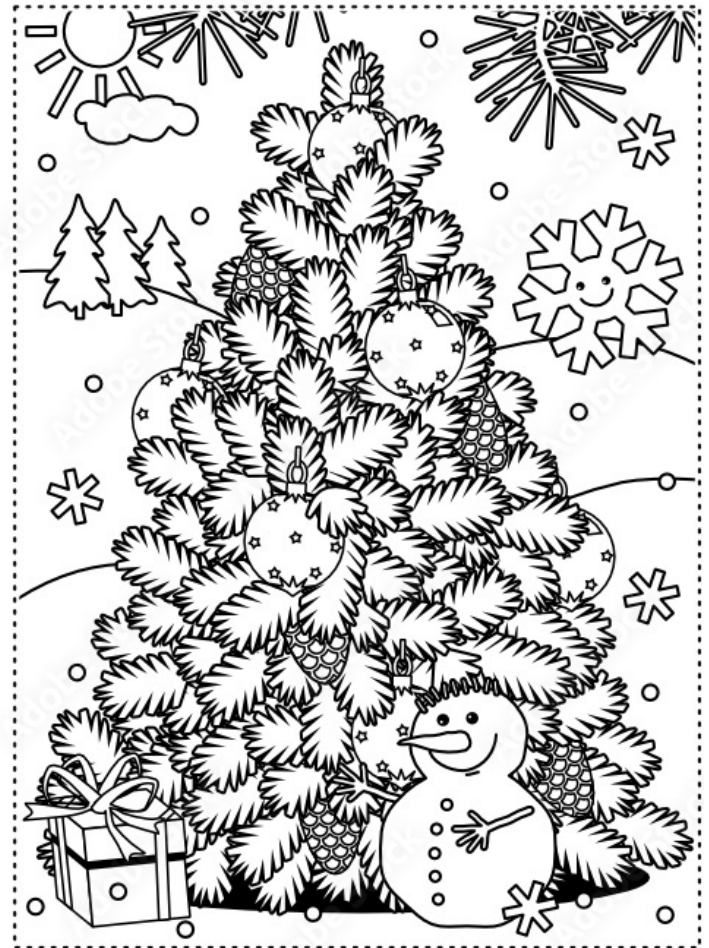
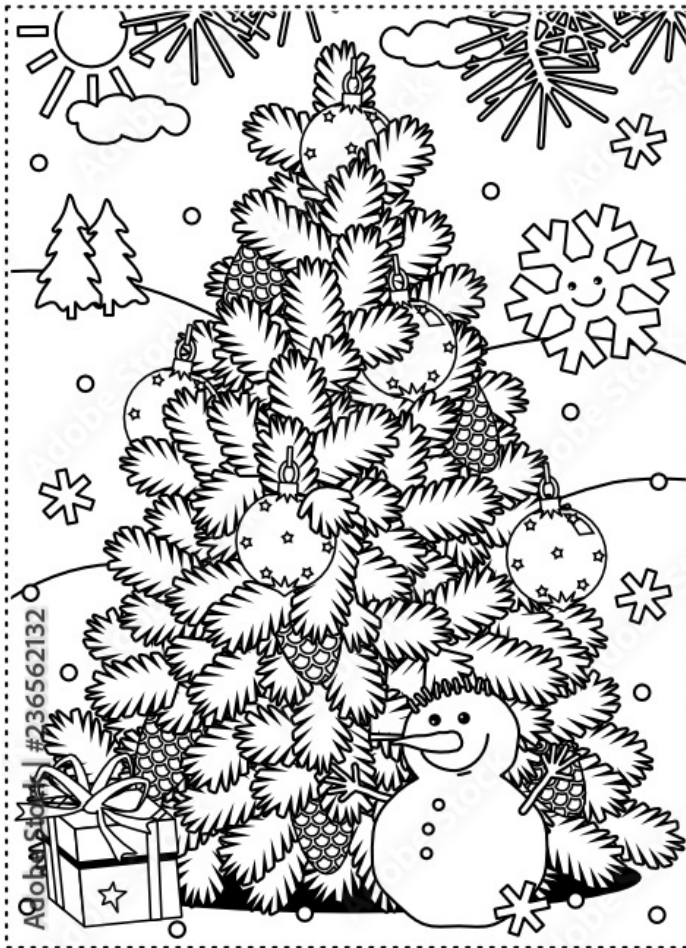
16. What you put on top of a present when you are all finished
17. The birthplace of Jesus
18. "It's the most _____ time of the year"
19. What we are counting down to
20. Where Santa and his elves live

Down

3. People usually hang these above their fireplaces
4. Not anyone is alike
5. The sweet treat you leave out for Santa

7. What forms when snow starts to melt but re-freezes as it drips
8. When 2 people walk underneath this, they are supposed to kiss
10. The drink you leave out for santa
11. Who delivers toys every December 24
14. What Santa comes down to deliver the toys

Find the ten differences between the two pictures.



FIND 10 DIFFERENCES





Joseph Told About Jesus Word Search



Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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ANGEL
BABY
CARPENTER

HUSBAND
JOSEPH
MARRIED

MARY
NAZARETH

SON
WIFE

SNOWFLAKE DOTS AND BOXES

Take turns drawing a line from one dot to another. If your line completes a box, write your initials in the box and take an extra turn. Each completed square is worth one point. Earn an additional bonus point for each snowflake in your squares. Once the grid is filled, the player with the most points wins.

