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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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John

C1 Vss 1-51 John begins his recording with a truth that sounds philosophical. It also sounds highly theological. However, he is taking the human lexicon attempting to explain an eternal reality so it will relate to the human condition. The Word is the antecedent to He. He and the Word are the same. Everything has been created through "this" Word (1-5)

John the Baptist not to be confused with John the writer is also introduced. More time is spent on John in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. See Matthew (.).

John records that Jesus' race and nation did not embrace Him. But to those who do they are the children of God (10-12).

Then John makes a statement demonstrating that belonging to God by His Spirit is His work not any individual's. More on this in Chapter three.

John saw Jesus coming and knew Who He was. "The Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world" (29). The Holy Spirit descends upon Him, and He chooses His disciples (35-45). See Luke (.).

Nathaniel learning about Jesus thought aloud could anything good come from Nazareth. This statement demonstrates the ghetto environment Jesus experiences as a young person. This is inspiring to anyone raised with major challenges (45-46). Jesus already knew everyone who would become His inner circle before they received their call. And likewise, everyone called into service for The Lord (47-50).

C2 Vss 1-25 John records Jesus' first miracle at a wedding at Cana. Invoke by His mother to do something when the wine is depleted, Jesus had not began doing miracles. His mother, however, knew her son could do something. His response seems terse, "woman, My time is not yet come." Jesus, answers her as a woman, and not one that He followed as He does the Father." But His mother knew His heart of love even for the most mundane things. She says, "do whatever He says." Jesus takes the dirty water used for body washing, and turns it to the finest wine (1-11).

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Much earlier in John's writing he had Jesus clearing the temple because of the chests (12-17). See Matthew (.).

In John's record and on this occasion the religious leaders ask about His authority. This may have happened several times. This time Jesus informs them, destroy this temple, I'll raise it up in three days (18-19).

A noteworthy statement concerning Jesus and His perspective of humanity. He would not trust man. He knew human nature (24-25). No one needed to tell Him about human beings.

C3 Vss 1-36 John uniquely had the story of Nicodemus the religious leader who comes to Jesus at night. Nicodemus says, "we know" You have come from God. As with the parable of the heir who was killed by the evil farmers, here is more evidence that the religious community knew Jesus was from God (1-2)

Jesus also knew why Nicodemus came to see Him. He knows what we need before we ask, but we need to ask. Jesus introduces the term: "born again". This is consistent with what John said in Chapter one. Being in God's family requires an act of our heavenly parent in the way it requires our earthly parents acts for any child to be conceived and to come forth (3-15).

One of the most well publicized exchanges come from this exchange with Nicodemus. "God so loved the world..."(16). As in the other Gospels anyone with a view that Jesus had no judgmental word or places does not know Him (17-21).

This theme of God's unilateral role in birthing people into His family continues (27).

John further makes a point about Jesus concerning what Jesus (Son of God) has seen. Jesus is the only human being who as the Son of God existed in the heavenly realm. He knows how things work there . He's a insider concerning the works of heaven (31-35).

Make no mistake about it. It is not John's view that there are multiple ways to heaven (36).

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