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May 1: John 1:29-51

- 1) Why is Jesus called the "Lamb of God?"
- 2) What did John mean when he said, "(Jesus) surpassed me because he was before me?"
- 3) What was John referring to in verses 32-34?
- 4) What happens when people know that Jesus is the Messiah?
- 5) Nathanael was a bigot. What causes that?
- 6) What is so beautiful about Philip's answer in verse 46?

Important questions and thoughts:

Lord Jesus Christ, you instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion to seal to me the personal guarantee that all my sins are forgiven. Lead me to true sorrow and repentance for all my sins. Give me faith to believe your body and blood, once given and shed on the cross, are present with the bread and wine that I receive in this sacrament. Fill my heart and mind with comfort, peace, and joy, knowing that all my sins are pardoned. Give me renewed zeal each day and lead me to live a godly life in loving obedience to your commandments. I ask this in your precious name, O Savior. Amen.

May 2: John 2:1-25

- 1) Mary's reaction to go to Jesus when they ran out of wine is interesting. Does she exhibit faith or impatience at this time?
- 2) Jesus does things in a grand way. How was that shown here?
- 3) How many times did Jesus cleanse the temple?
- 4) 2:17 gives us an indication that the disciples knew the Scriptures. Look up the reference in the Old Testament. Is it obvious there?
- 5) How long before the resurrection did Jesus promise that it was going to happen?
- 6) What is in man?
- 7) Just wondering if you noticed something different?

Important questions and thoughts:

Lord, bless the honest, useful labor of my body and mind. Thank you for giving me work to do. I ask for your grace to do it well, not merely to please people, but to please you. You love me with everlasting love in Christ Jesus, my Lord.

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May 3: John 3: 1-21

- 1) Who was Nicodemus?
- 2) What attracted him to Jesus?
- 3) What does it mean to be “born again?”
- 4) What does Baptism do according to these verse?
- 5) Nicodemus had trouble believing all that Jesus said. What was really the problem with Nicodemus?
- 6) What kind of picture was the bronze snake in the wilderness?
- 7) While there are great promises that goes along with faith in Christ, what warnings does Jesus also give?
- 8) Why is the light/darkness contrast such a good illustration of belief/unbelief?

Important questions and thoughts:

Lord Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life. You died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. You rose from the dead to give us eternal life in heaven. I am glad that everyone who trusts in you alone for their salvation will live forever with you in heaven. Comfort the Warner family in their grief and all who love and know them. Dry our tears and console us in our sorrow. Give us peace that surpasses all understanding. In your name, we pray. Amen.

May 4: John 3:22 - 4:3

- 1) What developed between John and Jesus?
- 2) Why do things like that happen?
- 3) What do you admire and want to imitate about Jesus?
- 4) Why was John such a good forerunner of Christ?
- 5) Notice how the Pharisees were watching Jesus and John. Does that say anything about the present world in which we live too?

Important questions and thoughts:

Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days. Amen.

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May 5: John 4:4 – 42

- 1) What does the fact that Jesus got tired tell us about Jesus?
- 2) What was the problem between Jews and Samaritans?
- 3) This is a model evangelism call from the Master himself. What bits of wisdom can we garner from it?
- 4) What proved to the woman that this was indeed the Son of God?
- 5) What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth?
- 6) How is his Word real food?
- 7) Why did people come to faith?

Important questions and thoughts:

*Almighty God, lead me, your little lamb, this day and all through this week.
Hear me for the sake of him who gave his life for the sheep--Jesus, the
Good Shepherd. Amen*