

## "Jesus' Coming Out"

John 1:19-51

**Day #1** - John the Baptist ministers - John 1:19-28

**Precept:** John is nothing; Jesus is everything. (Matthew 3:11-12)

**Day #2** - Jesus comes out - John 1:29-34

**Precept:** Like Jesus, we have the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 3:13-14; Galatians 5:1, 5-6, 13-14, 16-17, 22-23).

### - Baptism of the Holy Spirit -

Up to this point in redemptive history there was no "Baptism of the Holy Spirit". (Exodus 31:3; 35:31; 1 Kings 16:13-14; Psalm 51:11; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Daniel 5:11) but Isaiah prophesies a time when God's Spirit will come upon many (Isaiah 59:21; Isaiah 61:1-2).

In time the Holy Spirit "comes upon" Mary and she conceives of the Holy Spirit and Jesus is born; the Holy one of God (Luke 1:34-35). When Elizabeth meets Mary she is filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41) as her baby, John the Baptist, leaped for joy in her womb.

After Jesus was born, the Holy Spirit came on Simeon (Luke 2:25) and blessed the Holy child speaking and prophesying in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"What is most significant is that the Spirit remains on Jesus" (John 14:23). (Keener, 460)

Before Jesus' demise he foretells of a time when this same Holy Spirit will rest on his children; the Body of Christ as their teacher, reminder, witness and he will guide them into all truth. (John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:13-14)

After Jesus rose from the dead he came to the disciples in the upper room and breathed on them the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). The Fourth Gospel frames pneumatology—introducing the Spirit as one who descends to the world on account of Jesus 1:33, the middle one emphasizing the continuity between Jesus' revelation and that of the Spirit (14:26), and the final one emphasizing Jesus' sending of the Spirit (20:22).

After Jesus returned to heaven he sent the Holy Spirit who arrived (Acts 2:1-4), and caused Peter to preach in the power of the Holy Spirit and 3000 souls believed (Acts 2:41) and were saved and only a few days later another 5,000 men believed and were saved (Acts 4:4).

The rest of the New Testament reveals the work of this Holy Spirit; the evidence of the Holy Spirit's working and when God sends Jesus to gather up the Church he will simply be calling the Holy Spirit back to heaven before he destroys the earth with plagues and wonders (Revelation 4-19).

This all began when Jesus arrived under the full command and service of the Holy Spirit as John testifies. (John 1:32-33)

**Precept:** The coming out of Jesus was the introduction of the Spirit-filled life.

**Day #3 - Jesus calls followers** - John 1:35-42 - Two things about Jesus' followers: 1. They know the difference between following a man and following Jesus. (37) 2. Followers of Jesus tell others about Jesus. (41)

**Day #4 - Jesus identifies more followers** - John 1:43-51

**Conclusion:**

**Our Mission** - Make much of Jesus until your time runs out; This is living under the power and control of the Holy Spirit.

**Our Power** - If Jesus' coming out was of the Holy Spirit; our coming into the Kingdom of God is likewise a work of the Holy Spirit. Our power is all of the Holy Spirit; we cannot do anything in our own power.

**Our Message** - John gives us our message; "Jesus is the Lamb of God who can take away our sin".