

## BE HAPPY, JESUS HAS COME

### John 1:26-45

**Introduction:** For centuries God's people had been looking for the Messiah. One can only imagine the excitement when John the Baptist began to preach that the Messiah was there, already among the people. He quickly made sure that everyone knew that the Messiah was not him but was nearby. Everybody John introduced to Jesus was quick and anxious to tell others about seeing the Messiah. Andrew hurried to tell Peter. Phillip then told Nathaniel as others told their family and friends about the Messiah.

### I. THE OLD TESTAMENT SPOKE OF THE COMING MESSIAH

#### 1. The writings of Moses (the Pentateuch):

- In the Garden of Eden God foretold of the "one to come."
- Abraham was told about his future descendant, the "promised one."
- Moses wrote that the Messiah would be a law giver, teacher, mediator, governor and Savior, all in one person.

#### 2. The Old Testament Prophets:

- told of the family the Messiah would come from.
- told of the unusual birth.
- told of the place of his birth.
- told of the time of his birth.
- told of his humble life which later caused men to not believe that he was the Messiah.
- told why he was coming.
- told how he would conduct himself during the trials.
- told how he was to be put to death.
- told how he would not die as others on a "tree."
- told of his treatment while on the cross.
- told of the vinegar offered to him.
- told that the soldiers would cast lots.
- told about two others crucified with him.
- told about his entombment in a rich man's tomb.
- told of his resurrection and the exact day.
- told of his ascension.
- told of the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- All these things and more were foretold by the prophets.
- No wonder everyone got excited when John the Baptist said:

***"...he is here amongst you..." "...Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world..."***

## II. TO FIND JESUS CAUSES EXCITEMENT

1. **Those of ancient ages rejoiced that a promise was given to them about the coming Messiah and they rejoiced.**
  - Adam, Abraham, all the prophets
  
2. **Those at His birth rejoiced:**
  - the angels, the shepherds, His earthly parents, (especially Mary), the priest Zaccheus, the wise men from the East.
  
3. **Those followers of Jesus after His resurrection:**
  - One moment they were sad and afraid.
  - The next they were excited, hearts afire and unafraid.
  - The day of Pentecost brought excitement as never before.
  - The Samaritan woman and her village.
  - The Ethiopian Eunuch, the Philippian jailer, the apostle Paul.
  - What excitement - the Messiah was Jesus.
  
4. **What about our day?**
  - Is there any reason we should not be rejoicing as well as our Christian forefathers?
  - Has Jesus changed so much that there is no further reason to be excited and rejoice?
  - Has salvation lost something between the day of Pentecost and today?
  - Even though we do not see Jesus with our earthly eyesight, is that any reason to rejoice less?

### CONCLUSION:

1. Have you this same happiness of the Apostles in your heart about Jesus?
  - Surely we have cause to rejoice.
  - Surely we have cause to be ashamed if in the midst of all our knowledge of the Lord Jesus we remain unmoved by His great being.
  
2. Are you excitedly telling others about Jesus as did His first followers?
  - It is impossible to walk with Jesus and not work hard in helping others come to know Him as we do.
  - Wherever we are, whatever we do, let us forever be telling everyone we meet....  
*"I have found the Messiah!"*