



SPORTS IN FOCUS

The Presentation of the Son of God
John 1:19-2:25

READY

- How did your parents and coaches teach you loyalty when you were growing up?
- Why is loyalty so important to team unity?

SET

Context of John 1:19-2:25

Following his theological prologue, John introduces the first of many witnesses to prove Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God. This is the main theme of his Gospel (20:31).

Keys to Text

Son of God: Two basic events about Jesus Christ being the Son - His virgin birth and resurrection. This is the important truth that the Apostle Paul taught in Romans: “concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 1:3-4 ESV).
Messiah: The one anointed by God and empowered by God’s Spirit to deliver His people and establish His kingdom. While many of the Jews were looking for a political leader, as Christians we understand the term Messiah as Jesus’ role as a spiritual deliverer.

GO

Read John 1:19-2:25

1. Why were the Jews confused by the appearance of John the Baptist?
2. What do we learn about the character of John the Baptist from this passage?
3. How does Jesus Christ fit the role of “lamb of God”? How does His sacrifice parallel the Old Testament?
4. What did Jesus reveal about Himself at the wedding in Cana?
5. Why did Jesus become so angry when he cleared the temple? What was the purpose?
6. Based upon how Jesus has acted in John 1-2, what would you say was His main agenda?
7. What qualities from the life of John the Baptist would you like to emulate? Why?
8. This passage includes both true followers of Christ and others who seemed to have only superficial enthusiasm for Christ. What are you more like on most days? Why? What do you need to change?

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The wedding at Cana Jesus attended was likely a large social event that lasted an entire week. During the week, the newlyweds were responsible for the food and wine. Having plenty of wine and food available at the wedding was a sign of hospitality. During the middle of the week, the wine ran out which was a huge social blunder. Jesus’ mother, Mary, asked her son to help with the crisis. It seems that Jesus was waiting to do His first public miracle during the Passover in Jerusalem that was only a week away since he initially refused His mother’s request. However, Jesus was flexible. He changed His mind when he turned water into wine.

When approaching your training or work schedule, be flexible when you need to change your plans to serve others without compromising your previous commitment. Jesus was able to remain loyal to his mother without compromising His public ministry.