

The Quotations Bible Study: Series I: The Person of Jesus

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Appendix: Suggestions as to answers to the study questions

Week 5. Who is Jesus: the Evangelists on Jesus

- Q1: The LORD is speaking to Isaiah: who is the servant, chosen? (Isa. 41:8,9)** God declared Israel to be His servant.
- Q2: But is the LORD speaking about a group or a particular person? (Isa. 42:1)** From Isa. 42:1 on, the LORD speaks of the servant as though of a particular person, an individual called to this office.
- Q3: How does the LORD feel about the Servant? (Isa. 42:1)** The LORD delights in the servant.
- Q4: What will the LORD send the Servant? (Isa. 42:1)** The LORD will send His Spirit to the Servant.
- Q5: The descriptions in Isa. 42:2,3 concern the obedience of the Servant to the LORD's will. What four behaviors will mark the Servant?** The servant will (1) not complain, (2) not make a public outcry, (3) be gentle, and (4) care for the weak.
- Q6: What will be the result of the Servant's faithfulness? (Isa. 42:3)** Justice.
- Q7: Is the Servant immune to ordinary failings? (Isa. 42:4)** No, but He will not fail or become discouraged.
- Q8: Is the Servant's calling just to Israel? (Isa. 42:4)** No. The whole world waits on Him.
- Q9: How will the "islands" (Scofield says the Hebrew word means "coasts"; does this mean the whole Mediterranean world? it might) look on the Servant? (Isa. 42:4)** The world, particularly it would seem the Mediterranean world, looks to the Servant for guidance.
- Q10: When we last saw Jesus, His family had settled in Nazareth. (Matt. 2:23) Now He appears before John the Baptist as a full-grown adult. Is the Gospel of Matthew a biography?** No. It recounts the Gospel.
- Q11: John the Baptist soothed his listeners with comforting words and gentle sayings—true or false? (Matt. 3:7-10)** False. If "brood of vipers" sets the standard for John's addresses, he was about as undiplomatic as one can get.
- Q12: John distinguishes himself from the one to come. What four distinctions does John cite? (Matt. 3:11,12)** The one to come (1) is mightier, (2) will baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire, (3) will gather his own, and (4) will purify the church.
- Q13: Where did Jesus come from? (Matt. 3:13)** From Galilee.
- Q14: John at first refused to baptize Jesus. Why? (Matt. 3:14)** John felt that the roles should be reversed. After all, of what had Jesus to repent?
- Q15: On what grounds did Jesus persuade John to baptize Him? (Matt. 3:15)** The fulfillment of righteousness.
- Q16: What three signs of Jesus initiation into His divine mission followed His baptism? (Matt. 3:16,17)** (1) The heavens were opened, (2) the Spirit of God descended upon Him, and (3) a voice from heaven said, "This is my son, whom I love."
- Q17: Where did Jesus come from? (Mark 1:9)** From Nazareth.
- Q18: What three signs were given immediately after Jesus' baptism? (Mark 1:10,11)** (1) The heavens opened, (2) the Spirit descended upon Him, and (3) a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, whom I love."
- Q19: John the Baptist presented an agreeable manner—true or false? (Luke 3:7-9)** False, if "brood of vipers" is any indication.

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- Q20: John distinguishes himself from the one to come. What four distinctions does John cite? (Luke 3:16,17)** The one to come (1) is mightier, shall baptize with the Holy Ghost, (3) will gather His people in, and (4) will destroy all the rest.
- Q21: John, like the legendary old preacher, had “quit preaching and gone to meddling.” What happened with Herod? (Luke 3:19,20)** John criticized the king’s marriage.
- Q22: What three signs of Jesus initiation into His divine mission follow His baptism? (Luke 3:21,22)** (1) Heaven was opened, (2) the Holy Ghost descended upon Him, and (3) a voice from heaven said, “You are my Son, whom I love.”
- Q23: How old was Jesus by then? (Luke 3:23)** About 30 years old.
- Q24: What three important points about who Jesus is are recorded in the mouth of John the Baptist? (John 1:15,17,18)** (1) Jesus existed before John, (2) Jesus comes with grace and truth, and (3) Jesus has seen the Father.
- Q25: John the Baptist distinguishes himself from the one to come. What distinctions does John cite? (John 1:26,27)** Jesus is preferred over John, and John is unworthy next to Jesus.
- Q26: John the Baptist gives the reason for water baptism. What is it? (John 1:31)** So that Jesus could be presented to Israel.
- Q27: John records John the Baptist’s testimony as though he had been talking directly to him (which he might well have done). What happened at Jesus’ baptism? (John 1:32,33)** The Spirit descended upon Jesus, and the Spirit told John that Jesus was the one who baptizes with the Holy Ghost.
- Q28: Who informed John the Baptist of Jesus’ identity and the meaning of what he saw? (John 1:6,34)** God Himself.
- Q29: What was the people’s attitude towards the Servant? (Isa. 53:3)** They despised and shunned Him.
- Q30: What did the Servant bear? (Isa. 53:4,5)** He bore our weaknesses (infirmities) and sorrows, as well as afflictions from God. He bore the punishment for our sins.
- Q31: What is the Servant likened to? (Isa. 53:7)** A lamb.
- Q32: What did the Servant’s life become? (Isa. 53:10)** A guilt offering.
- Q33: How important was the One to follow, in John’s opinion? (John 1:27,30)** Surpassingly greater than John.
- Q34: Why was John baptizing? (John 1:31)** In order to reveal the Messiah to Israel.
- Q35: Where did John get his information? (John 1:33,34)** From the Spirit of God directly.