**John 1:15-51: The *Voice* in the Wilderness introduces the *Word* of God**

**Outline**

**MAIN: Our impact on one another can be life-changing**

**I. Prologue: The Word gives eternal life to all who believe in Him 1:1-14**

**II. Eyewitnesses testify that Jesus is the Christ 1:15-52**

**III. The first sign 2:1-4:42**

**A. Part 1 – 2:1-25**

**B. Part 2 – 3:1-4:42**

**IV. The Second and Third signs 4:43-5:47**

**V. The Fourth and Fifth signs 6:1-71**

**VI. The Sixth Sign: The man born blind 7:1-10:42**

**VII. The Seventh Sign: Lazarus raised from the Dead 11:1 – 12:50**

**VIII. The Final Discourse and High Priestly Prayer leading to the Eighth Signs 13:1-17:26**

**IX. The Eighth Sign: Jesus' Death and Resurrection John 18:1-21-23**

**Differences in the Gospels**

**Not in John**

**Jesus’ temptations, His casting out demons, Sermon on the Mt., The Lord’s Prayer, the Parables**

**In John alone**

**Story of Nicodemus, Woman at the Well, Raising of Lazarus, Upper Room Discourse, High Priestly Prayer, Restoration of Peter**

**John – Belief = 99Xs; Everlasting/eternal life 17Xs; Mt. 4Xs, Mk. 1X, Lk. 3Xs. John, Jesus = the object of faith dozens of times; Jesus, John the B. = EL dozens of times**

**REVIEW: Jesus is eternal “In the beginning”, before the beginning - John 1:1**

**The Word is:**

* **Eternal; He existed before the beginning**
* **He is God**
* **He is with God**
* **He is the Creator**
* **The Giver of Eternal life to all who believe**
* **God’s Communication to humanity**

**John 1:11-12 Jesus came to Israel and they rejected the reality that He was the Christ. However, whoever believed in Him become a child of God.**

**Our new birth is not by physical means, a physical father, or a father’s wish, but of God, we are “born from above” or spiritually born again.**

**1:14 Jesus took on flesh and lived or “tabernacled” among us.**

**Can I get a witness?**

**THE TEXT 1:15-51**

**1:15 Jesus is greater than John and existed before John (born later!)**

**1:16-17 Jesus is greater than Moses the Law-giver; Jesus brought a greater realization of grace and truth**

**1:18 Jesus revealed to us what God is like**

**1:19-34 John the Baptist becomes a key witness to the Person and mission of Jesus**

**1:29-31 John IDs Jesus as the One who takes away the sin of the world**

**1:32-34 In the OT, the Holy Spirit’s ministry in people was temporary; mainly prophets, priests. and kings (Jn. 14:17). Jesus gave the Spirit (baptized) to place believers into the Body of Christ. For a small group of Jews their entrance was delayed (Acts 2:36-38), but those in the Upper Room received the Spirit and entrance into the Body just like the Gentiles of Acts 10 (Acts 1:4-5; 10:47; 11:16-17). But eventually, both Jews and Gentiles all received the Spirit when they believed (1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:9).**

**1:35-51 John IDs Jesus as the One who takes away the sin of the world (1 Jn. 2:2). When baptized John recognized Jesus as Messiah/King when the Spirit descended and remained on Jesus (Jn. 1:32). The Baptized would become the Baptizer of the Spirit.**

**1:35-51 - People matter; relationships matter; intentionality matters**

**John the B impacted Andrew and John, Andrew found Peter**

**Jesus found Phillip, Phillip found Nathaniel; Jesus pursued Nathaniel**

**Who has impacted your life?**

**Whose life are you impacting?**