

# THE WAY TO GOD PREPARED

## JOHN 1:19-34

*Please personalize answers to the questions in the lesson by answering “I”, not “you”!*

**BACKGROUND:** God chose the most humble way to become a man. Jesus was born a helpless baby in a stable and grew up in a backward town (Nazareth). God used the prophet John the Baptist, whose clothes were camel hair and his food wild honey, to prepare for His coming by repenting of their sin.

**FIRST REPENT**—In the past (the Old Covenant) the Jewish people were instructed to bring a sacrificial animal and symbolically lay their sin (the barrier that separates us from God) on the substitute. In the New Covenant, Jesus has done away with that system of approaching God and has become the perfect sacrifice that is acceptable to God for all sins for all of time. Repentance is being sorry for your sins, desiring to turn from them, and laying them on Jesus at the cross to remove the barrier and receive God’s forgiveness and freedom from sin’s guilt and penalty. (**John 1:29, fn 1:29, Romans 3:23, fn 3:23, Hebrews 10:1-22, fn 10:3, fn 10:5-10[2<sup>nd</sup>], fn 10:17, fn 10:21, 22, Colossians 1:19-22, fn 1:21, 22, I John 1:9, fn 1:9[2<sup>nd</sup>]**) *How does confessing your sin prepare the way for Jesus?*

**THEN RECEIVE**—Jesus, your Savior, saves you from your sin. When you receive Jesus as your Savior, He baptizes you (not with water) but with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled (controlled) by the Holy Spirit, you know that Christ is in you and you have eternal life. (**John 1:32-33, fn 1:33, John 1:12, 13, Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14, II Corinthians 1:21, 22, fn 1:21, 22, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17, Ephesians 5:18, fn 5:18**) *How are you assured of your eternal security when you, by faith, are filled with the Holy Spirit?*

**TO KNOW JESUS BETTER AND BETTER**—Jesus is God, the Son. Jesus is the One that God has sent to come to get us and bring us into a relationship with Him. (**John 1:34, Matthew 3:13-17, fn 3:16, 17, John 10:27-30, fn 10:28, 29, fn 10:30, Philippians 3:7-14, fn 3:12-14, John 10:10, fn 10:10, John 10:16, Ephesians 1:15-20, fn 1:16, 17**) *Since you know that Jesus is God, why is it important to know Him more and more?*

*Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord? Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?*

