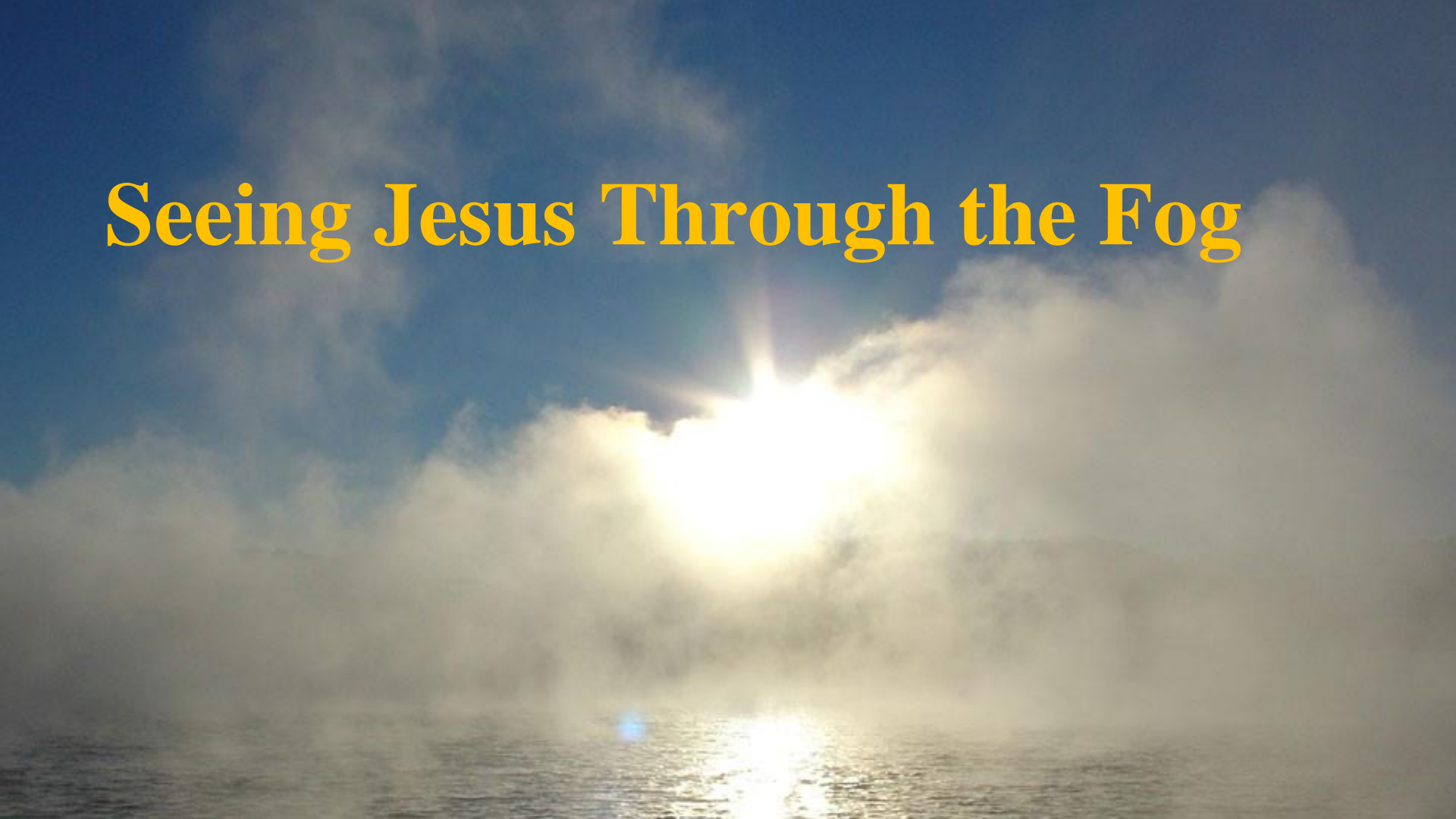


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There was always a fog surrounding Jesus! It was a fog of uncertainty, of unbelief, and of conflicting opinion. He was misunderstood about both His mission and His message. His friends, His family,

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and His foes were often bewildered about who He was and what He was doing. That remains true even today. But in this passage our view becomes clearer. Jesus had clearly defined objectives that He reveals here and they are extremely practical for us today.

I. His Unwavering Priority (vv. 1-2)

Gap of time representing at least six months
(compare John 6:4: Passover with John 7:2:
Feast of Tabernacles)

Fill in the gap with Matthew 15-18 (spending
time with His disciples)

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Caesarea Philippi (Who do men say that I am?)

Transfiguration

Who is the greatest in the kingdom?

Parables unlocked to His disciples

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He spent two days with 15,000 people; he spent
6 months with His disciples

Training His disciples to be unleashed;

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Discipleship was His strategy to spread His message. Matthew 28:18-20

The success of a church is not the size of the congregation, but the depth of the discipleship.

II. His Unbelieving Family (vv. 3-5)

James, Joseph, Simon, Judas – Matthew 13:55

Jesus brothers were unbelievers

Proximity is no guarantee of spirituality

To what extent? Mark 3:21

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Application: The hardest group to witness to is your own family.

They eventually believed Acts 1:14

James 1 Corinthians 15:7; Pastor of the church in Jerusalem, wrote James

Jude wrote Jude

III. His Uncompromising Chronology

(vv. 6-9)

Jesus is always on a divine timetable – John 7:30; John 8:20; John 13:1; John 17:1; Mark 14:41

Jesus' whole life was moving toward the cross; six months from this time. Galatians 4:4-5

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Daniel predicted the time of Messiah exactly—

Daniel 9:25-26

483 years from the commandment to restore
Jerusalem, made by Artixerxes March 14, 445
BC

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Sir Robert Anderson counted from that time,
483 years, 360 days per year according to the
Babylonian calendar, 173,880 days, arriving at
April 6, 32 AD

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The day Jesus revealed Himself as Messiah:
April 6, 32 AD

Application: Your timing and God's timing may be different. Jesus is always right on time.

IV. His Uncommitted Assembly

(vv. 10-13)

The Jews were his enemies; they sought to kill
Him

Some said he was a good man; He wasn't, He
was God

Some said he was a deceiver

Application: Who do you say He is? John 6:69