

WEEK TWO

THE TRUE BRIDEGROOM

SERMON NOTES

→ The New Exodus

- Day One: The true claim among WOULD-BE SAVIORS
- Day Two: Jesus brings FORGIVENESS and PURITY
- Day three: Jesus satisfies our HEART'S true DESIRES
- Day four: Jesus shows us the WAY to GOD

→ The true bridegroom (day seven)

- The FEAST
- The HOUR
- The THIRD DAY

GENESIS	JOHN
"In the beginning"	"In the beginning"
Seven days go by	Seven days go by
A wedding	A wedding
The Fall	The Feast

→ The Vow

- Like marriage, following Jesus takes total COMMITMENT
- Like marriage, following Jesus brings total TRANSFORMATION

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READING PLAN

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 4:39-45	Jn 4:46-54	Jn 5:1-18	Jn 5:19-30	Jn 5:31-47

STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Does our culture have a common story — a way of understanding the world around them? What kinds of things do your friends and neighbors hope for?

2. Read John 1:29-34. What two things does John the Baptist say that the Messiah will do? Is this similar or different than what you expect from Jesus? Explain.

3. Read John 2:1-12, then read Amos 9:14. How does the first “sign” of Jesus point to God’s promised future? Why might that make us (or the disciples) more willing to follow him?

4. Read Ephesians 5:25-27. Who is the “bride of Christ?” What does Jesus do for his Bride? How is this different from simply modifying our behavior?

5. A friend tells you that it’s ok to follow Jesus “as long as you’re not a fanatic about it.” How might you use this week’s lesson (and the examples of the first disciples) to answer them?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- Do you think it’s possible to selectively follow Jesus (only believe what you want)?
- If Jesus was a real person, what did he come to do?
- Do you believe your children’s future is secure?