

Title: Look Busy Here Comes Jesus - John 1 1-13

Read:

¹⁻² The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one. ³⁻⁵ Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!— came into being without him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out. ⁶⁻⁸ There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light. ⁹⁻¹³ The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light. He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even notice. He came to his own people, but they didn't want him. But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves. These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten.

Think:

John the Baptist knew his role in life. John knew exactly why he was here. John's role was to prepare the way for Jesus. How cool must it be to know your entire purpose in life. Every time John got asked if he wanted to do something, he simply had to check if it was part of his life's mission. Can you imagine how the conversations must have gone. "Hey John, come and give us a hand building this wall" John pauses for a moment and considers if building that wall is part of preparing the way for Jesus. Then he says. "No thanks, I'm off to baptise some more guys, and tell them about Jesus." How cool would that be? What if you knew your exact mission in life? Every time a distraction rose up, it would be an instant decision. Mates might try and distract you, with chances to hang around the park, and you would simply think to yourself, does this help with my life mission. And guess what, it might. If your mission in life was to show people who don't know Jesus, more about him, then hanging around with guys in the park, might be one way of doing that. Life becomes so much simpler when you know why you are here.

Pray:

Father I know you put me here for a reason. Please reveal that reason to me today, so that I might check my every action against your purpose for me. Amen.

Action:

It's easy to pray and easy to talk but action is harder. If God spoke to you about your mission in life then make a step towards it today. Bye for now.