**“Recognizing Jesus”** Pastor Wayne Driedger

 John 1:19-34

*Vs 26 “…right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize.” Vs 31 “I did not recognize him …”*

Could God be showing up in my life and I am not recognizing Him?

 Expect to meet Jesus among the poor and weak …and in your own weakness.

*Vs 21 “Are you the Prophet we are expecting?” Vs 27 “Though his ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandle.” “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of heaven is theirs.” Matthew 5:3*

 Detach from the hurry and noise.

*Vs 23 “I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Clear the way for the Lord’s coming!’”*

 Understand why we do spiritual rituals.

*Vs 24 and 25 Then the Pharisees who had been sent asked him, “If you aren’t the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?”*

 Take steps to clean your heart.

*Vs 26 “…I baptize with water…” That is why I came here baptizing with water, giving you a good bath and scrubbing sins from your life so you can get a fresh start with God." (Mes) “God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8*

 Be open to amazing signs.

*Vs33b ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’*

 Keep it simply about the “ONE”.

*Vs. 34b* “… *so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”*