

IN THE WORLD



John 17:9-19

LESSON 5
July 3, 2022

Connect timeless truths with today's news.

DON'T MISS THE POINT

This Fourth of July, if you go out to watch fireworks, don't forget that this is a celebration of freedom and unity. Don't miss the point, as some did last month in Disney World. A couple had staked out the perfect spot to watch fireworks at Cinderella Castle, but shortly before the program began, a family tried to get right in front of them. A physical altercation broke out, first between the wives and then between the husbands. With the result that the police were called and one of the women went to the hospital with a brain bleed. These couples missed the point of ending a fun day at the Happiest Place on Earth by fighting over watching fireworks.

DON'T MISS THE MESSIAH

The Son of God made the entire universe, yet when He walked among His creation, people did not honor Him. Most did not even recognize Him, and fewer still believed in Him. The Light that gives light to the world walked through the darkness, and yet He was not recognized. But some people listened to what John the Baptist said, and some observed the words and works of Jesus, and they did not let Him pass them by. Those who believed in Him received the greatest freedom imaginable.

1. What are your best memories of fireworks?
2. When have you or someone else completely missed the point of what was happening?
3. How can we make sure we don't miss what Jesus is doing in our own day?

Additional Resources

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- Music Video, Traditional: ["Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" by Fernando Ortega](#)
Music Video, Multicultural: ["Ancient of Days" by Mark Barlow, Phil Thompson, Aaron Lindsey \(Revere\)](#)
Music Video, Contemporary: ["King of Glory/This Is Where I Belong" by Austin and Lindsey Adamec](#)
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