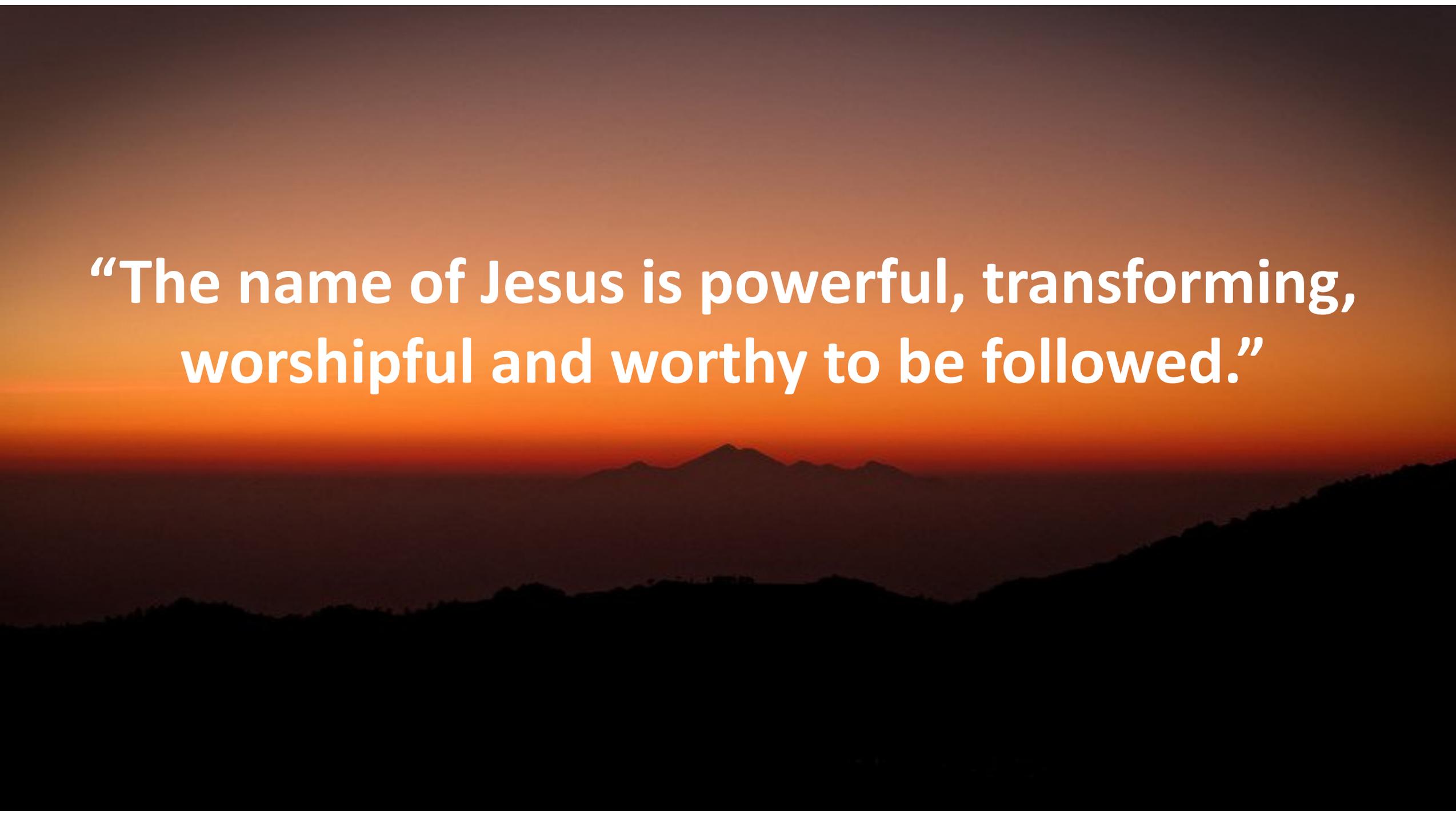


**That You Might Believe
The Gospel of John**

John 1:19-51

A landscape photograph showing a range of mountains under a sky transitioning from dark purple at the top to bright orange and red near the horizon. The mountains in the foreground are silhouetted against the bright light. The quote is centered in the upper half of the image.

**“The name of Jesus is powerful, transforming,
worshipful and worthy to be followed.”**

I. The Disciples

v.19-34 – John the Baptist

John the Baptist denies: 1) he is the Messiah, 2) He is Elijah, 3) He is The Prophet. Deuteronomy 18:15-18

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.’”

John the Baptist does identify himself: 1) A Voice
Isaiah 40:3

“A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

v.35-42 – Peter and Andrew

John the Baptist carries on his mission of 'being a witness' for Jesus in Judea.

Simon has his name changed to Cephas which is Aramaic means 'rock.' The name Peter means 'rock' in Greek. Naming in Jewish culture is significant. Naming deals with the character of a person, but also carries with it as having authority of the person.

V.43-51 – Philip and Nathanael

Nathanael's reply is classic... *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* Philip's reply: *"Come and see..."* Jesus sees them coming and says to Nathanael, *"Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"*

v.51 – Two phrases used for first time yet will be seen throughout the gospel of John.

"Truly, Truly..." – Amen, Amen – something important is about to be said

"Son of Man" – Jesus favorite description of himself (not Son of God)

II. The Names

As disciples of Jesus, we must know who Jesus is and we must have a life-transforming experience that completely changes everything about us.

Jesus (v.29); Lamb of God (v.29,36); Holy Spirit baptizer (v.33); Son of God (v.34); Rabbi/Teacher (v.38, 49) Messiah/Christ (v.41); Son of Joseph (v.45); Nazarene (v.45); Son of God (v.49); King of Israel (v.49); Son of Man (v.51)

III. Our Calling

These men and their 'come and see' testimony is inspiration for you and me.

This passage is a model for what it means to follow Jesus. It demands **loving God** to be wed with **knowing God**. This dual emphasis is needed in our churches today.