

## The Authority of The Son

- Author John
- Son of Zebedee
- He was one of Jesus 12 disciples
  - These were ordinary men who Jesus called to follow Him
- After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, these disciples became apostles, meaning "sent ones," commissioned to spread the gospel.
- John was part of Jesus' inner circle with Peter and James and was an eyewitness to Jesus' ministry.
- John is one of the four gospels in the new testament
- John's Gospel is different. Rather than simply recording events, John focused on answering one question:
  - **WHO IS JESUS?**
- John 20:31- These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
  - John's purpose in writing is that his readers will believe Jesus to be both the Messiah and the Son of God and then experience abundant life in his name.
- Vs 1-15 Recap
- Jesus travels to Jerusalem and comes to the Pool of Bethesda.
- There he finds a man who had been disabled for 38 years
- Jesus asks:
  - Do you want to get well?
- The man's response
  - I have no one to help me in the pool when the water is stirred.
  - The superstition was an angel would come down and stir the pools for healing
  - There is no actual evidence of anyone being healed that way
- Without touching the water or performing a ceremony, Jesus simply says:
  - Get up! Pick up your mat and walk
- The man did not recognize Jesus
- The man did not ask Jesus to heal him
- Jesus chose to heal him after 38 years!

- Jesus can heal anyone and any time!
  - NEVER LOOSE HOPE!
- Jesus is asking us today if we want to get well?
  - Why does God not heal everyone?
  - He already has by sacrificing himself for us to live eternally with him
- The problem here
  - Jesus healed him on the Sabbath.
- The religious leaders were upset because the healed man was carrying his mat, which they viewed as breaking their Sabbath traditions.
  - (Sabbath traditions) The rules that they made, vs what was written in the word of God
- Jesus finds the man later in the temple and tells him:
  - See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.
- The man tells the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the one who healed him.
- Instead of rejoicing that a man crippled for 38 years had been healed, the religious leaders focused on their traditions and began persecuting Jesus.
- The Jewish leaders (Pharisees) were putting their human religious traditions above genuine love and compassion for others which the OT commanded
  - Leviticus 19:18- Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord
  - Jesus exemplified this!
  - It was Jesus who was truly obeying the scriptures and not these Jews.
- In response Jesus delivers one of the clearest and strongest declarations of His identity and authority.
- Verses 16-27 (Camping here today) Break it down

- John 5:16-18
- <sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. <sup>17</sup> In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” <sup>18</sup> For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
- We can not miss the pivotal importance of these three verses. The Jewish leadership has uncovered two crimes that deserve the death penalty.
- First Jesus was viewed as indifferent to divine Sabbath law as mediated through Jewish tradition. The issue wasn't that Jesus ignored God's Law- it was that He refused to follow man made interpretations of it.
- The second charge against Jesus has to do with blasphemy. Jesus defends his Sabbath activity in verse 17. If God (who made the Sabbath) can continue to work positively while commanding rest, then Jesus works on the Sabbath are defensible.
  - Jesus is claiming divine rights.
- If the defense is true, Jesus is making a breathtaking claim: equality with God. If it is false, a serious crime against Judaism has been committed.
  - We know it to be true because Jesus is God!
- These 3 verses introduce the rest of John 5.
- From verses 19-47 Jesus gives one of the clearest explanations in the Bible of His relationship with the Father.
- He teaches
  - The Father and Son work together.
  - The Son gives life.
  - The Son has authority to judge.
  - The son deserves the same honor as the Father.
  - Rejecting the Son is rejecting God.
- Why did Jesus heal on the Sabbath
  - #1 Jesus revealed God's heart
  - #2 Jesus showed He is Lord of the Sabbath

- #3- Jesus revealed He is equal with the Father
- #4- Jesus showed that the Kingdom had arrived
- John 5:19-23
- <sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. <sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.
  - Very truly I tell you meaning amen, amen appears 25 times in gospel John.
  - The Son can do nothing by himself
  - The Son Jesus imitates the Father
  - Jesus lives in perfect unity with the Father
  - The Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.
  - The Father revealed to the Son his plans and purposes, and the Son obediently carried them out.
  - This love spills into two tasks entrusted to the Son that belong exclusively to the Father.
  - God alone has power over life and can raise people from death.
  - The fact Jesus can do it too sets him apart.
  - Jesus also becomes the catalyst of divine judgment.
  - Those who love darkness find themselves under judgment already.
  - Whoever believes in the Son has life already.
- Verse 23 becomes the key
  - That all may honor the Son Just as they honor the Father
- To honor God while rejecting Jesus is IMPOSSIBLE
  - You cannot honor God and reject Jesus at the same time

- John 5:24-27
- <sup>24</sup> “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. <sup>25</sup> Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.
- Whoever hears and believes has
  - Eternal life
  - No condemnation
  - Passed from death to life
  - Receives life only through Jesus
- Every religion says “do”
- Jesus says “believe”
- Story-
- There was a time in my life I was physically alive but spiritually dead. I was broken, addicted, gripped with shame, fear, and guilt.
- The story I told myself then vs the story I tell myself now
  - Condemnation vs conviction
- Jesus didn’t simply make me a better person
- He made me a new person
- 2 Corinthians 5:17- Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here.
- The same voice that said the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live, is the same voice that changed my life.
- That is why I am standing here today
  - 10 years + sober
  - Married to my best friend
  - Leader in my home, church and business
  - Identity- Child of God
  - Purpose- Glorify God in all that I do

- Vs 26- For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.
  - This is one of the clearest declarations of Jesus deity
- Nobody gives life unless they possess life.
- Jesus possesses life in Himself
- What does that mean?
  - He isn't dependent, He isn't created, He isn't merely a prophet
  - He is God
- Jesus doesn't borrow life from the Father. He shares the very divine nature of the Father.

### **5 Gospel Invitation Scriptures**

- John 3:16-18- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
- John 14:6- I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- Acts 4:11-12- Jesus is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved
- Romans 10:9-10- If you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
- Philippians 2:9-11-Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- Salvation Call- Deacons come up to connect with.
- Pray Out