

Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast

January 13, 2021
Jesus Teaches At The Feast
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John 8:21-24, "For except ye believe that I am He ..."

- They mocked Him as they had before because He said He would go away and they would not find Him. (cf. 7:33-36)
- They reasoned only from a fleshly viewpoint when Jesus spoke with a heavenly perception. *"Ye are from beneath ... of this world."* The Lord points out the difference between this group and himself as to both their origin and nature. He is from heaven. They are of this realm of sin and death.
- He must return to his Father but they, in their unbelief, must die in their sins.
- They will die looking, hopelessly, for the Savior whom they have, and have rejected.

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John 8:24, "Ye shall die in your sins."
Jesus spoke clearly and precisely.

- Unless we believe Jesus is the Christ we will be lost. He claims to be *"I AM."* cf. Exodus 3:14
- What about sincere Jews, Muslims, Hindus, etc.?
- Some modern preachers would condemn Jesus for being too narrow. We find it difficult to say anyone is lost.
- Yet, to preach the Spirit-revealed word is to convict of sin. (John 16:8)
- We all make a choice!

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8:25-28, "They said therefore unto him, Who art thou? Jesus said unto them, Even that which I have also spoken unto you from the beginning."

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- The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, *"I know that Messiah cometh (he that is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all things."* Then Jesus said to her, *"I that speak unto thee am (he)"* (John 4:25-26).
- After healing a man who had been lame for thirty-eight years, Jesus claimed, *"My Father worketh even until now, and I work"* (John 5:17). The Jews understood His claim and *"sought the more to kill him"* (John 5:18).

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- Jesus claimed that He was not of this world and then said, *"for except ye believe that I am (he), ye shall die in your sins"* (John 8:23-24).
- In that same discourse, *"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was born, I am."* Once again, *"They took up stones therefore to cast at him ..."* (John 8:58-59).

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- John 10:24-25, *"The Jews therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou art the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me."*
- John 10:30-31 – Jesus claimed, *"I and the Father are one"* and, *"The Jews took up stones again to stone him"*
- In John 10:36, Jesus said, *"I am the son of God."*

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- He later said, *"If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father?"* (John 14:7-9).
- **John 8:27, "They perceived not that he spake to them of the Father."**

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- Yet, their prejudice prevented them from accepting His claims and understanding the truth. (NOTE: Matthew 13:13-15; cf. John 12:39)
 - Even Jesus' own brothers did not believe on him. (John 7:5)
- Jesus died for all (1 Timothy 2:4,6). Jesus wants them to understand and believe. Yet, most will not. (Matthew 7:13-14)
- The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus would prove His claims.
 - The crucifixion is the time *"when ye have lifted up the Son."* (cf. John 3:14; 12:32-34)
- Indeed, after His resurrection some did turn to Him in obedient faith. (Acts. 2:37-41; 6:7)

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8:29-30 – Jesus spoke these words as they were the will of the Father.

- **Jesus was wholly submissive to the will of the Father** leaving us an example of obedience. (cf. John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; Hebrews 5:8-9; cf. 1 Peter 2:21ff)
- **Jesus had asserted his own sinlessness!** **John 8:46, "Which of you convicteth me of sin? If I say truth, why do ye not believe me?"**

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- Hebrews 10:5-9, *"Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, But a body didst thou prepare for me; In whole burnt offerings and (sacrifices) for sin thou hadst no pleasure: Then said I, Lo, I am come (In the roll of the book it is written of me) To do thy will, O God. Saying above, Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and (sacrifices) for sin thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein (the which are offered according to the law), then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will."*

Are You Pleasing God?

2 Corinthians 5:8-9,

*"We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. Wherefore also **we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.**"*

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1 Corinthians 10:5,

*"Howbeit **with most of them God was not well pleased:** for they were overthrown in the wilderness."*

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1 Thessalonians 2:14-16,

*“For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judaea in Christ Jesus: for ye also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews; **who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us, and pleased not God, and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.**” (cf. Acts 17:1ff)*

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Ephesians 5:7-10,

*“Be not ye therefore partakers with them; For ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), **proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord.**”*

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- NOTE: “Jesus only” doctrine easily refuted here. Two wills are represented here.
 - Are you obedient to all His commandments?
- Some in that audience had honest hearts, and as He spoke these words, *“they believed.”*
- John 8:30, *“As he spake these things, many believed on him.”* cf. John 6:14; 12:42-43
 - *The depth of their “belief” might be subject to question.*