John Lesson 14

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INTRODUCTION

- Is Jesus equal with God the Father? The Jews were ready to stone him for making that claim.
- People who have closed minds and who do not want to take anything different from what they've always believed, they can usually find some fault.
- The religious people of the day of the Lord who rejected him, crucified him, proved that they did not really love God.

1 Sin No More Lest a Worse Thing Come

John 5:14; Mark 9:43–48

- Behold thou art made whole, sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee.
- Just physical healing wasn't itself all that the man needed. He needed some spiritual reconciliation with God.
- If you are not reconciled with God, if you're not serving him faithfully, the worst thing that can happen to you is the loss of your soul.

2 Jesus Did Not Break the Sabbath Law

Matthew 5:17–18; Colossians 2:14–17; Acts 20:7

- Jesus did not break the Sabbath day. He kept the Sabbath law you see Jesus was a Jew and he served under the law of Moses as a Jew.
- Jesus came to fulfill the law of Moses, Matthew 5, 17 and 18. He didn't destroy it.
- The law of Moses and the Ten Commandments that go with it have been done away in Christ.
- It was on the first day of the week that the disciples came together to break bread, Acts chapter 20 and verse 7.

3 Making Himself Equal With God

John 5:17–18; John 8:58; John 10:30–33

- My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
- If you're accusing me of breaking the Sabbath, you're accusing the Father of breaking the Sabbath.
- He was not a good man if he told a lie. And in many ways and many times Jesus claimed to be God.
- He is not the same as the Father, nor is he the Holy Spirit, but he is the Son, God the Son. He is God.

4 He Was Never an Angel

Hebrews 1:4–8; Hebrews 2:16; Philippians 2:5–8

- He was made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

- But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.
- Took not upon him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham.
- Jesus Christ was in the form of God. He thought it not a thing to be held on to, so he emptied himself.

5 Equal in Nature, Not Equal in Authority

Matthew 28:18; 1 Corinthians 15:27–28; 1 Corinthians 11:3

- All Jesus claimed was to possess the nature of Godhood, the nature of deity. He didn't claim to be equal in authority with the Father.
- The Father is not subject to the authority of Christ. He's the one who gave Christ the authority.
- There is God, Christ subject to the Father. There is man subject to Christ. There is woman subject to man.
- They were not equal in authority. But they were equal in nature, and they were one in purpose or in work in unity.

6 Honor the Son Even as the Father

John 5:23; John 8:24; John 14:6

- That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him.
- Except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
- Jesus is the one through whom is everlasting life. That's a greater work than all the miracles on earth.
- Physical healing is not the greatest thing. The greatest thing is the spiritual life that comes through Christ Jesus.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you stand under condemnation? Or do you expect everlasting life because you believed?**

MY NOTES