John Lesson 15

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INTRODUCTION

- We've been going through in a verse by verse study the Gospel of John.
- Jesus healed a man who had been infirm for some thirty-eight years. And the Jews reacted rather angrily to that good work.
- Now, what are the greater works that Jesus performed than the works or the signs which they actually witnessed?

1 The Greater Works: The Dead Shall Hear and Live

John 5:24–25; Ephesians 2:1–5; Romans 6:3–6

- The greater works had to do with man's soul. Jesus Christ could take one who is broken in spirit, one who is lost in sin, and give him life.
- The word dead does not always refer to physical death.
- We were dead in sins, but quickened or made alive by the grace of God through Christ Jesus.
- We become dead to sin when we are buried by baptism into the death of Christ.

2 Authority to Execute Judgment

John 5:27; Hebrews 2:17–18

- Another great work Jesus shall do is that he shall execute judgment.
- God had given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.
- Christ will be one who can come and judge us with mercy. But he also judges us with justice.

3 All in the Graves Shall Come Forth

John 5:28–29; John 6:39–40; Hebrews 9:27

- The time is coming, when all in the grave shall hear his voice, and shall come forth.
- At the second coming of Jesus Christ, all who are in the graves shall come forth. The resurrection will occur.
- The Bible speaks of the one resurrection at the second coming of Christ.
- The Bible nowhere speaks about a second chance being given.

4 The Witness of Jesus and John the Baptist

John 5:31–35; John 8:14; John 1:19–34

- There are several witnesses, in fact, four in this text that Jesus gives us to the testimony that he is the Christ, the Son of God.
- Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true. For I know whence I came and whither I go.

- Even as the law of Moses had so declared that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word should be established.
- John the Baptist bore witness that he is the Lamb of God, that he is the Son of God.

5 The Works Bear Witness: The Father's Testimony

John 5:36–38; Acts 2:22; John 3:2

- The works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me that the Father hath sent me.
- You've really never seen the Father, but you've seen the evidence of the Father.
- No man can do these works or miracles that thou doest except God be with him.

6 The Scriptures Testify of Me

John 5:39–47; Matthew 13:13–15; Acts 17:11

- Search the scriptures. For in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me.
- Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me, for he wrote of me.
- If you believe the Scriptures, you believe in me, for the Scriptures are of the Father, and they bear testimony of me.
- If you search it with a preconceived idea, the word is prejudiced. You've prejudged.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Keep an open Bible, keep an open mind, and accept Jesus Christ in simple faith, obedient faith.**

MY NOTES