John Lesson 24

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus made one of those bold assertions that are to be found in the Gospel of John when he said, I am the light of the world.
- Throughout the scriptures, light represents that which is truth, because truth illuminates, it reveals. And in contrast, darkness represents that which is evil and error and sin.
- If you want life, that is spiritual and eternal life, it'll only be found in Jesus Christ.

1 If I Judge, My Judgment Is True

John 3:17; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 23

- Now when Jesus made the claim to be the light of the world, their response was simply, Well, that's just your word for it. You don't have another witness.
- I judge no man. Really, what he means by that is simply I'm not here to condemn man.
- It isn't meaning that Jesus will not be the final judge, for he did promise to be the judge of all.
- When I make some judgment or condemnation, as they were doing, it is from a heavenly point of view.

2 The Father That Sent Me Beareth Witness

Deuteronomy 17:6; John 5

- He admits that the law of Moses does indeed teach that there needs to be at least two witnesses to confirm any testimony.
- But he says, Indeed, I bear witness, that's one witness. Furthermore, my father beareth witness, that makes two.
- If you really knew God like you say you do, you would know his son.
- A man who does not accept Jesus as the Christ does not really believe in God the Father.

3 His Hour Was Not Yet Come

John 8:20; John 2:4; John 7:30

- What it means is that Jesus would not be arrested, he would not be taken until he had fulfilled his mission.
- His hour to come meant the time of his death, burial, and resurrection.
- Even though he was right in their midst of his enemies, and though they sought his life, they did not take him.

4 Ye Shall Die in Your Sins

1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Timothy 2:6; Matthew 7:13–14

- For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

- By their rejection of Jesus Christ, they proved themselves to not be in God's service.
- It matters what you believe about Jesus Christ, whether or not you're going to be saved.
- And it is true that not all will be saved, though he died for all. Not all accept him.

5 When Ye Have Lifted Up the Son of Man

John 3:14; John 12:32–34; Acts 2:38

- The lifting up the Son of Man came about when Jesus was crucified.
- Even as the Son of Man is lifted up, like that serpent was lifted up, those who come to him can have life.
- The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ was the greatest testimony that indeed he is the Son of God.
- A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

6 I Do Always Those Things That Please Him

Hebrews 5:8–9; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21

- Jesus Christ left us an example of what obedience really is.
- If we're going to obey God, it is going to be more than just doing what pleases us.
- We didn't write it, and we don't have any right to cut it out of the Bible.
- There are two wills involved here the Father's will and the Son's will.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you not be willing to listen and listen with an open heart, with an open Bible to read for yourself and to accept the testimony, that one day you're going to have to give answer to the Lord for how you've received him?**

MY NOTES