John Lesson 26

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus said to the Jews that they were really not the children of Abraham.
- You cannot read this book about Jesus Christ and be passive about him. You cannot just simply say, Well, he was a good man.
- In our study today, John chapter eight, verses fifty one through the end of the chapter, Jesus makes three significant statements.

1 Keep My Saying, Never See Death

John 3:3–5; Romans 6:3–5; Revelation 20:14–15

- Verily I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
- They were thinking only from a physical point of view. But Jesus was talking about the kind of life that is eternal in nature, spiritual in nature.
- The statement was born twice, die once. Born once, die twice.
- Except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- At baptism, a believer rises to walk in newness of life. You see, that's how you can be born again.
- The second death is an eternal death, a separation from God, and a lake described as burning with fire and brimstone.

2 Your Father Abraham Rejoiced to See My Day

Genesis 12:1–3; Galatians 3:7–9; Galatians 3:26–29

- Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad.
- Jesus was talking about the promises that God had made to Abraham that pointed to the coming of Jesus Christ.
- There is a sense in which Abraham saw the day of Christ through the eye of faith.
- Through your seed I will bless all families of the earth.
- Those today who are the children of God by faith are also Abraham's children.
- And if ye be Christ, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

3 Before Abraham Was, I Am

John 8:58–59; Exodus 3:14

- Verily I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him.
- When he made the statement, I am, they recognized that to be the same identity that was made by the Lord to Moses in the burning bush.
- You tell Pharaoh, I am, that I am, hath sent you.
- It's the way of saying, I have always been, I am existing now, and shall ever be.

- Abraham saw it through the eye of faith, but even before Abraham was, I am.

4 He Claimed to Be Deity

John 20:30–31; John 10:30–33; Colossians 1:15–18

- When you study the book of John, you cannot mistake the fact that he claimed to be deity.
- These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his name.
- And the Jews said to him, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy. And because that thou being a man makest thyself God.
- If you're going to accept Jesus as a good man, then accept him for what he said. If he's a good man, he wouldn't lie.
- For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth.
- It is no light thing to reject the Christ. What do you say about him?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Hearing the gospel that Christ is the Son of God, won't you now commit your life to him?**

MY NOTES