John Lesson 52

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INTRODUCTION

- There are some who think that he was nothing more than just a philosopher, a moralist, and a great man.
- Either Jesus Christ was a liar, a blasphemer, the greatest hypocrite ever to live, or he was everything that he claimed to be, the Son of God.

1 Thou Knowest That I Love Thee

John 21:18–19; Galatians 2:11

- Three times the Lord had asked Peter, Lovest thou me? And three times Peter had answered, Thou knowest that I love thee.
- Jesus was not just testing Peter, but I believe was giving him some reassurance.
- And yet the Lord still could use a faithful Peter.
- When thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

2 What Is That to Thee? Follow Thou Me

John 21:20–23; 2 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 6:4–5

- If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.
- But we must not make comparisons. Comparisons with each other often lead to envy and to discontentment.
- But they measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves are not wise.
- We'll give answer not for how well we've done or measured up to others, but rather how well we have fulfilled our own role.
- Let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone and not in another.

3 John Testifies That His Testimony Is True

John 21:24–25

- What is written is sufficient to make us believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- John uses it to emphasize the significance of the glorious Jesus Christ, who he is, the Son of God.

4 The Claims That Jesus Made Himself

John 1:1–3; John 8:58; John 10:30

- You cannot say he was a good man and deny he is the Son of God if you carefully studied the Gospel of John.
- What we learn from the Gospel of John is a presentation of who Christ is.

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- He said, Before Abraham was, I am.
- He that has seen me hath seen the Father.

5 These Signs Are Written That Ye Might Believe

John 20:30–31; John 3:2

- But 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.
- There were seven particular signs that seemed to be selected by John. And each one signifies a different characteristic of his power.
- Power over quantity or quality, power over distance, power over time.
- Miracles were such works that no man could deny that God be with him.

6 The I Am Claims

John 6:35; John 11:25; John 14:6

- Seven times Jesus made the claim I am.
- And then in John chapter 14 and verse 6, I am the way, the truth, and the life.
- You cannot come to the book of John and read it, and with the claims that Jesus made and the I ams that he affirmed and say he's just a good man. He is the Son of God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What do you think about the Christ? Is he your Lord? Have you proven it by obedience?**

MY NOTES