John Lesson 6

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus was not tolerant when people in the name of religion were doing things that were not according to God's word.
- If the Bible cannot be understood, of itself, that makes an indictment against God's power and against God's justice.
- If people do not understand the Word of God, the fault usually lies within the people themselves.

1 After This He Went Down to Capernaum

Galatians 5:21; Matthew 11:21–23

- When Jesus turned the water into wine, what he did was make the best wine, the good wine, but he was not encouraging drunkenness.
- The Bible teaches that if we're a child of God, we will abstain from the very appearance of evil.
- Why would he want to put himself into a situation whereby he might get drunken and clearly be condemned? For drunkards shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.
- What mighty works these people saw. But some who saw the Christ did not believe in him.
- But people's hearts were not open to the truth.

2 Jesus Had Brethren

Mark 6:3; Matthew 13:55

- This scripture says that Jesus had brethren. He had brothers.
- Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren James and Joseph and Simon and Judas and his sisters, are they not all with us?
- Here's what the Word of God says about it. Is your mind and heart open to the teaching of the Word of God on that particular point?

3 He Drove the Money Changers Out of the Temple

John 2:13–17; Matthew 21:12

- When he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple.
- Make not my father's house a merchandise.
- Jesus demonstrated his love for God in that he drove out the evil money changers that were in the temple area.
- The house of God is a house of prayer, not a house of covetousness or house of merchandise.
- There comes a time where if we really love the truth, we're going to be intolerant of unholiness and unrighteousness.

4 He Spake of the Temple of His Body

John 2:18–22; Romans 1:4; Matthew 26:61

- Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- But he spake of the temple of his body.
- Jesus really was talking about his death, burial, and resurrection.
- The greatest sign and power, testifying Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is the fact of his resurrection, the empty tomb.

5 Don't Blame God and Don't Blame the Bible

Matthew 13:13–15

- They seeing see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- If you come to the Word of God with your mind already made up, your eyes are closed, your ears are dull of hearing, and you are not open to understanding, you cannot be taught that truth.
- The reason that people do not understand is not because the Bible is incomprehensible, but it is rather because people are not with open hearts and minds.

6 Saving Belief Is a True Committal Unto Christ

John 2:23–25; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 10:17

- Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men.
- If we have saving faith, it is a true committal unto Christ. It's more than just a mental acceptance of Jesus.
- Faith made perfect is a faith that is obedient.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're going to commit to Christ, totally obey him and walk with him.**

MY NOTES