

Morning Sermon Outline – November 19, 2017

“Son of God, Life-Giver, Judge” John 5:17-47

Last week, I started my sermon with the question, “what is the worst thing that can happen to a person?”

I concluded that sermon with this ANSWER - The worst thing is MISSING Jesus! Not understanding Him! Not knowing Him!

What do we NEED to KNOW (and not miss) about Jesus?

I. We need to know that Christ is the Son of God –

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.²⁰ "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. (John 5:17-20 NKJ)

"that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. (John 5:23 NKJ)

- 1. He works with the Father, hand in hand, they are together, they are a team - "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." (John 5:17 NKJ)*
- 2. The Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.*
 - A. They knew this was His claim!*
 - B. They thought He was wrong, a liar, committing blaspheming, but they had no doubt about what He said –*

- 3. As they sought to kill Him, He did NOT back off the Father / Son unity talk but you could say He double-down on it –*
 - A. He claims to be following the Father's lead in all He does –*

Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (John 5:19 NKJ)
 - B. He claims the Father' love - ²⁰ "For the Father loves the Son (John 5:20 A NKJ)*
 - C. He claims Him marvelous works, His miracles our works also of the Father –, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. (John 5:20 NKJ)*

II. We need to know that Christ, as the Son of God, is a Giver of life –

- 1. He has the power of God to give life –*

"For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. (John 5:21 NKJ)
- 2. His power to give life is in His Voice and Words -*

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. (John 5:25 NKJ)

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice (John 5:28 NKJ)

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63 NKJ)
- 3. He has authority with God the Father both to give life and to judge –*

"For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. (John 5:26-27 NKJ)

4. *Even the Bible is a life-giving Book, it teaches the doctrines of life, it teaches us about Christ –*

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. (John 5:39 NKJ)

III. *We need to know that Christ, as the Son of God & Man, is a judge, The Judge –*

1. *God the Father has committed all judgment to Christ -*

"and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man (John 5:27 NKJ)

A. *As the Son of Man, Jesus is particularly fit to judge men -*

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15 NKJ)

B. *We must seek to please Him, He is our JUDGE, we are not His –*

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJ)

2. *This was the problem of those who sought a sign from Jesus, they were missing Him as the Judge –*

So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" (John 2:18 NKJ)

They were challenging Him to prove Himself to them! As if they were in the seat of evaluator / judges...

IV. *We need to know Christ substantiates His claims with the strongest of witnesses –*

1. *The witness of John the Baptist –*

"You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.³⁴ "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.³⁵ "He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. (John 5:33-35 NKJ)

2. *The witness of Christ's Own works, His miracles –*

"But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish-- the very works that I do-- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. (John 5:36 NKJ)

3. *The witness of His father from Heaven –*

"And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. (John 5:37 NKJ)

A. *Before John 5 -*

And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17 NKJ)

B. *After John 5 -*

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:5 NKJ)

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? `Father, save Me from this hour '? But for this purpose I came to this hour.²⁸ "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."²⁹ Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." (John 12:27-29 NKJ)

4. *His witness from the written Word of God and from Moses –*

"But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.³⁹ "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. (John 5:38-39 NKJ)

"How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God?⁴⁵ "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you-- Moses, in whom you trust.⁴⁶ "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.⁴⁷ "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" (John 5:44-47 NKJ)

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