

Introduction

(Talk about verses 27-29 that speak of our Eternal Security as Believers.)

Read the Scripture!

Today we come to the conclusion of this time that **Jesus openly showed and disclosed Himself to His people (the Jews) as to Who He really is!**

We have seen how He **publicly confessed and expressed the truth as to His complete identity—He did that through both His WORDS and His WORKS!**

But we've also seen how His claims were rejected by most of the leaders of Judaism who accused Him of **blasphemy, lying, and demon possession** among other things! *John 1:10-11 – “10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”*

Jesus faced REJECTION! Now, **REJECTION** is something that is difficult for us to take, right? I doubt there is anyone here today who just loves to be **REJECTED!** **And because we don't like REJECTION we have a tendency to avoid the situations that might cause us to feel the REJECTION from others! But not Jesus, He continued to do His Father's will.**

Jesus was DESPISED and REJECTED of men! In fact, He came into this world knowing that would be the case! It was prophesied of Him that things would be that way!

Isaiah 53:3—“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus taught with these words:

Matthew 5:10-12—“10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

The Apostle Peter, late in his life and ministry, wrote his first epistle to some Believers who were going through some deep persecution because of their witness for Christ and their attachment to Christ! He told them:

1 Peter 4:12-14—“12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

Back to Jesus...Because of Jesus' claims, the Jewish leaders continuously **sought to arrest Him and bring Him up on charges, and even made a few attempts on His life as He claimed His Deity! (CANCEL CULTURE)**

Even in the Scripture before us today, **we see the Jews took up stones again to stone Jesus because He claimed to be ONE with His Heavenly Father!**

I. WE SEE JESUS IS THE GOD-MAN! (Vs 30-33)

We have seen Jesus express His Deity over and over again and here it is again in *Verse 30*: Jesus said ***“I and my Father are one”***

Jesus claimed **equality of POWER and unity of ESSENCE** between Him and His Heavenly Father!

This means They are **ONE BEING, ONE GOD, ONE LORD** even while They are **TWO in PERSON!** They are a unit in **ESSENCE!** What is **ESSENCE?** **ESSENCE** is *the intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something that determines its character.*

Jesus was also saying that He and His Heavenly Father **have the same UNITY OF PURPOSE, WILL AND WORK!** i.e. **Jesus' WILL is identical to the Father's WILL!** **The absolute identity of WILLS involves identity of NATURE.** **Jesus and the Father are One in WILL and in NATURE for BOTH are God! (Deuteronomy 6:4)**

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There are still People today who want to say that Jesus never claimed to be God, but He did! Both ACTIVELY and PASSIVELY! Let me give you one example of each!

ACTIVELY, He claimed it in *John 8:58* when He said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*”

The Jews that heard that and knew exactly what Jesus was saying! That is why they took up stones to stone Him there!

PASSIVELY, He claimed it by His silence later in *John 20:28* after His resurrection from the dead! There it says “*...Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*” Jesus did not correct him because **JESUS IS BOTH LORD AND GOD!**

Philippians 2:6– “*Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*”

Colossians 2:9–“*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*”

Listen to me, Jesus is not merely just a **GOOD** or **RIGHTEOUS** man, or just a **PROPHET** (a Divine spokesman for God)! Jesus is the instrument of Divine revelation and salvation. **He is the visual image of God for the world!**

Philip asked Jesus to shew them (the disciples) the Father:
John 14:9–“*Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*”

The statements by Jesus as to His Deity demand a response! We see the Jews response there in *verse 31*– “*Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.*”

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This hostile crowd responded by wanting to stone Jesus because they understood the implications of His claim! Jesus was not saying that He had joined His efforts with that of God! No, to them Jesus was saying something that was blasphemous! **Jesus was saying that HE WAS AND IS GOD IN HUMAN FLESH!**

Now, as they picked up the stones to stone Him, notice Jesus’ courage there in *verse 32* when He answered them by saying, “*Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?*”

Now, that was a fair question! Which of His many great **miracles** (“*works*”; *10:25, 38*) from the Father was their reason for wanting to stone Him? Note that He says *from the Father*, implying that He was not acting alone!

In *verse 33* the Jews answered Him. They could not take a stand against His good **WORKS**. So, the Jews answered Him this way: “*For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*”

They wanted to claim here that their problem was not with Jesus’ **WORKS** (His many miracles) but His **WORDS!** Was that the case?

One of the first things we saw back in *John 5:18* was that His healing on the impotent man on the Sabbath had angered them!
John 5:18–“*Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*”

John 9:16–“*Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.*”

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But they had finally sorted this out in their own minds and found what they deemed a justifiable cause for standing against Him—His **WORDS!** They said they objected because He, a mere man, claimed to be God. This, they said, was blasphemy. Ironically, **Jesus is God who become Man!** (*John 1:1, 14, 18*).

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II. WE SEE JESUS THE SANCTIFIED SON OF GOD WHO WAS SENT INTO THE WORLD! (*Vs 34-36; Cf. Psalm 82*)

In *verse 34*, defends Himself by citing *Psalm 82:6*. Jesus answered them, *"Is it not written in your law, I said, you are gods?"*

Psalm 82 would have been well known to these folks as it is critique of the **failure of Israel's leadership as God's representatives on earth to dole out true justice to His people!**

Psalm 82:5-7—“5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. 6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Now, the relevance of this passage is very striking. **The absence of KNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTANDING was a fitting description of Jesus' audience. They did not know the shepherd's voice!**

Jesus unfolds the implications of this passage in *verse 35-36*.
“35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?”

Psalm 82 speaks of God as the true Judge (*Psalm 82:1, 8*) and of men or gods, appointed as judges, who were failing to provide true justice for God's people! (*Psalm 82:2-7*).

The Hebrew word for *God* here or *gods* is *elohim*.

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Now understand that this word is used elsewhere (*Exodus 21:6; 22:8*) to mean *human judges*.

The *word "gods"* in *Psalm 82:6* also refers to these *human judges!* In this sense, God said to the Jews, *You are gods*. In no way does this speak of them having a **divine nature** but rather that they were **sent to be God's ministers of justice!**

Jesus' argument here is that in certain situations (as in *Psalm. 82:6*) men were called *"gods."* So, if there is a sense in which the term *"gods"* can be applied legitimately to those other than God Himself in the Scripture, then much more may Jesus use this term to assert His unity with His Heavenly Father Who sent Him into the world!

i.e. If others, including some in Jesus' audience, can be called *"gods"* here in God's unbreakable Word — why are Jesus' words blasphemy?

In *verse 36* Jesus asks them to reconsider their accusation in the light of Scripture. *John 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?*

Jesus is saying here that since the inerrant Word of God called their own judges *"gods,"* the Jews could not logically accuse Him of blasphemy since **He was under divine orders from His Father to perform the mission He was sent into the world to compete!**

Jesus is the one whom God *"sanctified"* (i.e. *"set apart, separated"*). The word translated *"sanctified"* there means *to consecrate or make something holy; to set aside for God's particular purpose!*

**Jesus has been distinguished by God from all other men!
He is the DIVINE SON OF GOD, again leaving no doubt of His claim of special relationship with the Father!**

III. WE SEE JESUS WORKED THE WORKS OF GOD! (Vs 37-39)

Jesus calls attention to His works again in *verse 37*.

“If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.”

Jesus was saying that His **WORKS** showed the reality of Who He is! (i.e. His **WORKS** authenticated His claims of being sent from God and being the Son of God!) So, if the **WORKS** He was doing were **NOT WORKS** of God, then they had every right **NOT** to believe!

Though the Jews were reluctant to believe Jesus’ **WORDS**, God was giving them **WORKS (Verse 25, 32)**, which He was doing through Jesus.

These **MIRACLES** Jesus did were **SIGNS** that were given for a witness so that those who saw them might ponder their significance and recognize Who Jesus is and His oneness with God the Father!

We saw earlier in this Gospel that Nicodemus had recognized Jesus had come from God when He said, *John 3:2* –“...*Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*”

In *verse 38* of our text, Jesus again asked them to open their mind to verifiable truth. ***“But if I do [the works of God] though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.”***

If they were not prepared to believe Him because of His WORDS, then they should believe Him because of His WORKS!

Were His **WORKS** demonstrating **DIVINE AUTHORITY** and **DIVINE POWER**? If so, then they should be able to conclude that His Heavenly Father was behind them!

If they would believe His **WORKS**, then the way of understanding was opened for them to gain insight into His relation with the Father. It is a relationship of **mutual indwelling**. **Such works could not be done by a one who was a mere man acting out of himself!**

(e.g. *The man born blind clearly stated this back in 9:30ff*)

Again Jesus stated His special relationship with His Heavenly Father in the **WORDS** ***“the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”*** The accusation of blasphemy seemed utterly unreasonable to Jesus because of His relationship with the Father!

Verse 39 then reveals that Jesus had failed to convince them! They were hardened in their unbelief! Therefore, they sought to seize Him again, but He escaped once again as He had done before because it still wasn’t time yet for Him to lay His life down!

IV. WE SEE THAT THOSE WHO BELIEVED JESUS’ WORKS, ALSO BELIEVED HIS WORDS! (Vs 40-42)

In *verse 40*, Jesus left Jerusalem and went back to the place that marked the beginning of His earthly ministry—The place where John the Baptist ministered and the place where John had baptized Him!

The enduring testimony of John the Baptist is referred to in *verse 41*.

John the Baptist, even though he was dead, was still having influence in people’s lives as they remembered his witness regarding Jesus. And even though John the Baptist had never performed a miraculous sign, the people believed his witness about Jesus!

By contrast, the hostile Jerusalem crowd had seen JESUS’ signs and yet they REJECTED Him!

Verse 42 gives the result of the of John the Baptist’s ministry followed by Jesus’ ministry here. ***“And many believed on Him there.”***

Conclusion

The question is...**What is your response to Jesus? Belief or Unbelief? Your eternal destiny depends on it! Jesus Is God manifested in flesh! Salvation is in Him alone! Believe His WORDS and Believe His WORKS!**