

Jesus Knew What was in Man (John 2:23-3:4)

- This morning: Simon the sorcerer exposed for having a ‘false faith’
- In Jesus' day, many believed because of the miracles Jesus performed
- But Jesus did not believe in man, for He knew what was in man

I. Many Believed His Name When They Saw the Signs (2:23)

- Some believing is not saving believing – they believed His name

II. A Glorious Reality: Jesus Knows Everything about Man's Heart

- John gives witness that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
 1. General sweeping statement: v.24 “*He knew all people*”
 2. Specific application to people's inner lives: v.24 “*He knew all people*”
 3. Judgment v.25 “*no need that any should testify, He knew what was in man*”
 - a. The One who is always willing to love you

II. Faith that Jesus Doesn't Accept

- a. Not all that looks like faith is really faith
- b. The faith of Nicodemus (John 2:25; 3:2)
- c. Signs meant to point to Jesus
- d. The faith of Jesus' brothers (John 7:3-5)
- e. The humility of saving faith (John 5:44)
- f. The danger of seeking signs
- g. Attracted only to signs and wonders?
- h. The cross: Jesus' greatest glory