

Part 7 of the series – Three Years That Changed the World



JESUS REMOVES RELIGIOUS BARRIERS

John 5



While in Samaria – Jesus Removes the **Social/Cultural Barriers** that stood in the way of people having a “right” relationship with God.

While in Jerusalem – Jesus Removes the **Religious Barriers** that stood in the way of people having a “right” relationship with God.

He accomplishes this By Proclaiming the Truth

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. **One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he **asked him, “Do you want to get well?”** “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” Then **Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “**It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.**” But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ So, they asked him, “**Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?**” The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. (John 5:1-13)**

What good
is “Religion”
if it teaches
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“Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well. So, **because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him**. In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” For this reason, they tried all the more to kill him; **not only was he breaking the Sabbath**, but he was even calling God his own Father, **making himself equal with God**. (John 5:14-18)

These 2 issues were the core of the self-righteous religious leader’s opposition to Jesus:

1. Jesus violated their Jewish traditions/regulations especially their man-made laws related to the Sabbath itself
2. Jesus made himself equal with God

To fully understand this opposition, let’s explore the events that take place in Galilee between John 4 and John 5 which are recorded in the other 3 Gospel accounts (Synoptic Gospels)

Jesus preaches and teaches in the region of Galilee

*John the Baptist was put in
prison during this time*

- ✓ “After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. **“The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”** (Mark 1:14-15)
- ✓ “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him”** (Luke 4:14-15)
- ✓ When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, **he went and lived in Capernaum**, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles **the people living in darkness have seen a great light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” **From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”** (Matthew 4:13-17)

“He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ***“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*** Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, **“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”** (Luke 4:16-21)

- ✓ Jesus knew precisely what he was declaring – he was the promised Messiah
- ✓ While some will be amazed at his words (many had observed Jesus growing up there), Jesus will force those who heard his message to recognize he was more than just the promised Messiah, and this was too hard for them to accept.
- ✓ The words of Jesus will bring a charge of blasphemy from the synagogue leaders and the ministry of Jesus will continue in Capernaum

“They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. **The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.** Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? **I know who you are—the Holy One of God!**” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “**What is this? A new teaching—and with authority!** He even gives orders to impure spirits, and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.”

- ✓ Jesus teaches with authority and the people recognize it as being “different” than how the “teachers of the law” taught them
- ✓ Jesus (while teaching in the synagogue) casts out a demon from a man and even the “impure spirit” (demon) recognized Jesus was the “Holy One of God”

JESUS MINISTERS IN THE
REGION OF GALILEE BY
PERFORMING MIRACLES,
HEALINGS AND SPREADING
THE GOOD NEWS

These events takes place after his visit with the Samaritan Woman (John 4)
And prior to his return to Jerusalem (John 5)

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. **He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.** (Mark 1:32-34)

“While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, **“Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”** Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” **And immediately the leprosy left him.** Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that **crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.** But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:12-16)

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. **They gathered in such large numbers** that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and **he preached the word to them**. Some men came, bringing to him **a paralyzed man**, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then **lowered the mat the man was lying on**. When **Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”** (Mark 2:1-5)

- ✓ Jesus is once again in Capernaum and large crowds have gathered probably because news had spread of his teaching, his miracles and healings.
- ✓ This incident (the healing of the man who was paralyzed) is also recorded in Matthew 9:1-8 and Luke 5:17-26.
- ✓ Jesus recognizes their faith (given their extreme efforts to get close to him) and he first declares to the paralyzed man that his sins are forgiven (which will create quite an uproar among the religious leaders) and subsequently will heal the man also.

“Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “**Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”** Immediately **Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts**, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? **But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.**” So, he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and **walked out in full view of them all.** This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “**We have never seen anything like this!**” (Mark 2:6-12)

- ✓ The religious leaders were 100% correct – only God has the authority to forgive sins
- ✓ They (the religious leaders) level a charge of blasphemy against Jesus because they didn’t recognize the obvious - **Jesus is declaring himself to be God because He Is.**
- ✓ Not only did he offer the forgiveness of sin to the paralytic man (because of his faith) but he also fully healed him, and the man was able to walk.

“After this, Jesus went out and saw a **tax collector by the name of Levi** sitting at his tax booth. “**Follow me,**” Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, **left everything and followed him**. Then **Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them**. But the **Pharisees and the teachers of the law** who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “**Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?**” Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**” (Luke 5:27-32)

- ✓ This account (the calling of Matthew/Levi to follow Jesus) is also recorded in Mark 2:13-17 and Matthew 9:9-13)
- ✓ Matthew not only followed Jesus, but we are told that **he left everything to do so** showing he was **fully committed to Jesus**, and he even wrote his own Gospel record
- ✓ Matthew chose to tell all his colleagues about Jesus which drew the attention of the religious leaders who looked down on Jesus eating and fellowshiping with them

“One **Sabbath** Jesus was going through the grainfields, and **his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels.** Some of the Pharisees asked, “**Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?**” Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.” Then **Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”**” (Luke 6:1-5)

- ✓ This account is also recorded in Mark 2:23-28 and Matthew 12:1-8
- ✓ Once again Jesus is challenged by the religious leaders for violating “**their rituals and rules**” that apply to the Sabbath. They were building their case against him.
- ✓ The declaration by Jesus; “**The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath**” was fully intentional and it meant that he had the full authority to sanction the actions of the disciples in the same way he sanctioned the actions of King David.

“Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to **see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.” **Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?”** But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, **deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts**, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” **He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus”** (Mark 3:1-6)**

- ✓ This account is also recorded in Luke 6:6-11 and Matthew 12:9-14
- ✓ Another attempt by the religious leaders to catch Jesus violating their Sabbath rules
- ✓ Jesus chooses to heal the man with the shriveled hand, and this began an unholy alliance between Herod’s family and the Pharisees.

Large crowds begin to follow Jesus

“Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. **For he had healed many**, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. **Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”** But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him” (Mark 3:7-12)

Jesus went throughout Galilee, **teaching in their synagogues**, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and sickness among the people**. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and **he healed them**. **Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.** (Matthew 4:23-25)

JESUS TEACHES THE CROWDS ON
THE MOUNTAINSIDE
(OFTEN CALLED HIS SERMON ON
THE MOUNT)

RECORDED IN MATTHEW 5-7

These events takes place after his visit with the Samaritan Woman (John 4)
And prior to his return to Jerusalem (John 5)

Jesus begins his sermon with a series of “Beatitudes” (Supreme Blessings) on those who live “rightly” before God and man.

“Now when **Jesus** saw the crowds, he **went up on a mountainside and sat down**. His disciples came to him, and he **began to teach them**. He said: “**Blessed are the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Blessed are those who mourn**, for they will be comforted. **Blessed are the meek**, for they will inherit the earth. **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they will be filled. **Blessed are the merciful**, for they will be shown mercy. **Blessed are the pure in heart**, for they will see God. **Blessed are the peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God. **Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:1-11)**

In his sermon, Jesus continues with several topics on how best to honor God in our daily lives and how to live “rightly” with our fellow man:

- ✓ **Be examples to others (be salt and light) of your changed life;** *“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:16)
- ✓ **Continue in the good practices described in the Law (Moses and the Prophets);** *“Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”* (Matthew 5:19)
- ✓ **Don’t murder, don’t commit adultery, don’t divorce, be truthful in your dealings** by letting your yes be yes and your no be no, **be merciful, show love** to your enemies, and **give to those in need.**

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- ✓ **When you pray to God – make it real and not for show**; *“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him”* (Matthew 6:5-8)

This, then, is how you should pray: *“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one”* (Matthew 6:9-13)

- ✓ **Forgive other, fast for the right reasons and with the right motives, store up treasures in heaven** by doing good deeds during your time on earth. (Matthew 6:14-24)
- ✓ **Don't worry but rather seek first the kingdom**; *“Therefore, I tell you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* (Matthew 6:25-34)

- ✓ **Treat others with proper motives;** *“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye” (Matthew 7:1-5)*
- ✓ **Treat others fairly as you would want God to treat you;** “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? **If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:7-12)**

- ✓ **Follow the true and right path**; *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it”* (Matthew 7:13-14)
- ✓ **“Watch out for false prophets**. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.” (Matthew 7:15-20)
- ✓ **The mark of a true disciple**; “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**” (Matthew 7:21)
- ✓ **Build your life on a strong foundation**; “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock” (Matthew 7:24-25)

“When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law”

(Matthew 7:28)

SOMETIME AFTER PREACHING
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
JESUS WILL HAVE AN
ENCOUNTER WITH THE
DISCIPLES OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” Jesus replied, “**Go back and report to John what you hear and see: *The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.***” As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. **This is the one about whom it is written: “*I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.*”** Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. **And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.** Whoever has ears, let them hear” (Matthew 11:1-15)

JESUS CONTINUES HIS MINISTRY IN THE REGION OF GALILEE

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Jesus acknowledges the faith of the sinful woman (Luke 7:36-50);

- ✓ *“When one of the Pharisees (named Simon) invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. **A woman in that town who lived a sinful life** learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them” (Luke 7:36-38)*
- ✓ *“Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, **her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.** But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace. (Luke 7:44-50)*

Jesus teaches using Parables

- ✓ **The Parable of the Sower** (Mark 4:1-20, Matthew 13:1-23, Luke 8:4-18)
 - ✓ **The Parable of the Mustard Seed** (Mark 4:3-34, Matthew 13:31-35, Luke 13:18-21)
 - ✓ **The Parable of the Weeds** (Matthew 13:24-30, Matthew 13:36-52,
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What is a Parable:

- “A usually short fictitious story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle” (Merriam Webster)
- “Parables were a way to convey moral, transcendent principles in an allegoric story that people could understand and relate to. A parable is a teaching method using the familiar to illustrate unfamiliar concepts. It is a story or saying that demonstrates a truth using comparison, hyperbole, or a simile.” (Christianity.com)

Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 8:23-27, Luke 8:22-25)

- ✓ *“That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” (Mark 4:35-41)*

Jesus heals a demon possessed man (Mark 5:1-20, Matthew 8:28-34, Luke 8:26-39)

Jesus heals Jairus’s daughter by raising her from the dead (Mark 5:21-43, Matthew 9:18-26, Luke 8:40-56)

Jesus heals two blind men and a demon possessed man who couldn’t speak (Matthew 9:27-34)

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✓ “So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, **the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.** In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father reason, is work to this very day, and I too am working.” For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, **but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.**” (John 5:16-18)

✓ “Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does.** For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. **For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.** Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has **entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.** **Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him”**
(John 5:19-23)

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✓ “Very truly I tell you, **whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life** and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and **those who hear will live**. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.” (John 5:24-27)

✓ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me” (John 5:28-30)

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✓ “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. **There is another who testifies in my favor**, and I know that his testimony about me is true. “You have sent to **John and he has testified to the truth**. Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light” (John 5:31-35)

✓ “**I have testimony weightier than that of John**. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the **very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me**. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. **You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life**. These are the very Scriptures that **testify about me**, yet you refuse to come to me to have life” (John 5:36-40)

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✓ “I do not accept glory from human beings, **but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts.** I have come in my Father’s name, and **you do not accept me;** but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? (John 5:41-44)

✓ “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. **Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.** But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?” (John 5:45-47)

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✓ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as **Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness**. And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!**
(Philippians 2:5-8)

✓ “Therefore **God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name**, that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**” (Philippians 2:9-11)