

John 5 Part 3

Intro: We have seen Jesus' miracles as well as His discussions with Nicodemus, and the Samaritan woman. We have seen that He is the Word of God incarnate - GOD in human flesh, the Creator walking among men. We have seen Him show His authority over the Sabbath in purposefully healing, and having a man carry his bed on this day. **He is the Lord of the Sabbath. He is greater than the Temple. He can give rest unto our souls!** Here we find Jesus response to the charges laid against him from the Jewish religious leaders.

II. JESUS' WITNESSES TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE V.31-47

A. JOHN THE BAPTIST

- 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.
32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you. - Deuteronomy 17:6,7

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. - Deuteronomy 19:15

It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. - John 8:17

- 34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

The whole point of all of this is "that ye might be saved." It is here and now that we see Jesus' purpose and heart. This echoes what he told Nicodemus in John 3 about why He was come into this world - to save.

- 35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

This single verse shows us an amazing truth that ends up being kind of a side note in this passage, that for a while at the onset of his ministry, John the Baptist was accepted by "the Jews" (the Judean religious crowd). It was only when his ministry began to explode, that "the Jews" sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask who he was. (Jn 1:19)

B. THE WORKS OF JESUS

- 36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

Jesus had just healed a man moments ago!! Jesus is trying to get them to realize who He is - yet another reason for His healing, and command to carry on the Sabbath, to have this very conversation with the Jews.

C. THE FATHER

- 37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.
38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: **for** whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

Jesus is driving home the point that He and the Father are intimately connected, and that he was sent from the Father!

D. THE SCRIPTURES

- 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
- 40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.
- 41 I receive not honour from men.
- 42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.
- 43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.
- 44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

Here, Jesus is calling them out for their fleshly sinful pride! He shows His Messiahship and His omniscience.

E. MOSES

- 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.
- 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.
- 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Luke 24:44

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. John 1:45

Jesus is... The Seed of the woman, Shiloh, Jehovah who appeared to Abraham, The Sacrifice God would provide on Moriah, The Passover Lamb, The Prophet that should come... He is the I AM, the Elohim, the Day of Atonement.

LUKE 16:19-31

-Jesus is talking to His disciples v. 13

The New Testament comes alive when viewed from a Jewish Perspective - Context is Key!
What does this verse have to do with Judaism? EVERYTHING! **Read v. 14, 15a**

He was talking to His disciples; He is NOW talking to the Pharisees.

I. Two People Involved v.19-21

- The Picture of a Pharisee (the Rich Man) v.19
- A Man with a Humble Testimony (Lazarus) v.20, 21

II. Two Paths of Death v.22, 23

A. Lazarus v.22

1. Carried by the Angels
2. Into Abraham's Bosom (Written about in the Talmud)

- Jesus is Validating the previously held Orthodox View

- “Paradise” in Luke 23:43 - Christ led captivity captive (Eph 4:8)
- “Slept with his Fathers” 36x in the O.T.

B. The Rich Man v. 22b, 23

1. Was Buried
 2. In Hell he was tormented, and could see Lazarus in Abraham’s Bosom Afar Off
- *From this we learn that Hell and Abraham’s Bosom were near each other.

III. A Plea for Mercy v.24

A. The Rich Man’s Identity

- Jewish, “*Father Abraham*” (This condemns the Pharisees)

What does this truth mean? Are there Jewish People in Hell? Will there be more?

B. The Rich Man’s Intelligence “*Send Lazarus*” HE KNEW LAZARUS

C. The Rich Man’s Imprisonment “*Tormented in this FLAME*”

IV. The Proclamation of Condemnation v.25, 26

A. Abraham responds, “*Son, remember...*”

- Huge implications

B. God is no respecter of Persons - He measures in righteousness, not riches

- Lazarus - Comforted
- Rich Man - Tormented

C. The Finality of the Eternal State - no escape

V. A Plea for Warning v.27, 28 (A Cry for Jewish Evangelism)

A. “*Send him...*” Lazarus had a Testimony

B. “*...to My Fathers House: for I Have Five Brethren...*”

C. “*...that he may testify unto them lest they also come into this place of torment.*”

VI. The Possession of the Truth v.29 (A Method for Jewish Evangelism)

When did Abraham live and die? - Before Moses and the Prophets

*Moses

- I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him. (Deut 18:18-19)

- Peter Acts 3:22
- Steven Acts 7:37

VII. The Pride of the People of God v.30,31

A. They Seek a Sign v.30

B. If they don’t hear the O.T. - they won’t be persuaded.

Conclusion: From the pages of scripture we see a Jewish man in Hell.

We hear his words. We feel his burden. His Cry? **WARN THEM!!**

15 MILLION ACROSS THE GLOBE, 30,000 in the Triangle area!

WHEN YOU READ “SEND HIM” IN LUKE 16:27, DOES GOD SPEAK TO YOU?