



Calvary of Albuquerque

Like Father, Like Son - John 5:16-24

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

The most important question you could ever ask is not, "Who am I?" but rather, "Who is Christ?" That was the supreme question Jesus presented to His disciples when He said, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). Jesus made the most astonishing claim ever when He confronted the Jewish leaders of Jerusalem here in John 5. What do these claims have to do with us today? Absolutely everything!

OUTLINE

- I. The Father & Son Continually Work (vv. 17-18)
- II. The Father & Son Perform Wonders (vv. 19-22)
- III. The Father & Son Deserve Worship (v. 23)
- IV. The Father & Son Determine Welfare (v. 24)



Making It More Than a Sermon:

1. Why do you think these people were so determined to kill Jesus? Why did Jesus make such unmistakably clear claims even though it got Him deeper into trouble? What does this tell us about how to handle the truth?
2. How does Jesus' description of the relationship with His Father compare to John 1:1?
3. If your father is still living, how could you make the relationship with him more special? Does Jesus' relationship with His Father help you in relating to your earthly father?

DETAILED NOTES

No person divided time except Jesus. Dates reference His first coming (BC - before Christ, AD Anno Domini, the year of our Lord). Encyclopedia Britannica devoted 20,000 words to Jesus; more than Aristotle, Alexander the Great, Buddha, Caesar, Cicero, Confucius and Mohammed combined. Scholars and skeptics debate: who is Jesus? The most important question on earth is: who am I in relationship to Jesus? He is the ultimate answer to all questions and issues. If there is one issue that the world consistently gets wrong it's the identity of Jesus:

- A good man - John 7:12
- John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets - Matthew 16:14
- Earthly king - John 6:15
- Tax evader - Luke 23:2
- Demon possessed - John 10:20
- Illegitimate child of Mary - Jews in the Talmud
- A prophet - Islam
- Ascended master - other religions
- Highest model of all religion - David Strauss
- More than a man - Napoleon Bonaparte
- Jesus Christ Superstar

Re-cap of John 5: Jesus attends a festival, probably Passover. He visits the Pool of Bethesda, and heals a man who had been sick for 38 years. The impotent man meets omnipotent man. It was the Sabbath. Although God's Law didn't prohibit doing good on the Sabbath, Jesus broke the man-made rules. This angered the Jews, and they confront Jesus. Jesus reveals himself and His relationship with the Father; He claims to be God.

- I. The Father & Son Continually Work
 - A. Jesus talks of God as His own unique Father
 1. Kenneth Wuest - "God was His privately owned, unique Father, a Father in a way in which no one else had Him for a Father, making Himself equal with the Deity.
 2. Son of God

- a. Not "God is everyone's Father"
 - b. Not "we are all children of God"
 - c. Claiming to have the divine nature of God Himself
 - d. False religions say Jesus didn't claim to be God, but even his enemies recognized the claim.
 - B. Jesus Claimed to be the Eternal God in a human body
 - 1. Quencher of thirst - John 4:13-14
 - 2. Satisfier of hunger - John 6:35
 - 3. Light of the world - John 8:12
 - 4. Comes from heaven - John 8:23
 - 5. Predated the existence of Abraham - John 8:58/li>
 - 6. Door of salvation - John 14:6
 - 7. Exact representation of God the Father - John 14:9
 - C. According to William Lane Craig the Deity of Christ was established Christology within 20 years of His earthly ministry
 - D. God the Father never takes a day off (Sabbath is for man, not for God; He rested on the seventh day, because He was done with His work as Creator) Even when we are resting He is at work. We should stop worrying and let Him work. (He never slumbers or sleeps - Psalm 121:4)
- II. The Father & Son Perform Wonders
- A. Healing was done by the Father and the Son (Amen, amen - truly, truly)
 - B. Jesus did not work independently of God, but in harmony with the Father
 - 1. What the Father is doing in heaven, the Son is doing on earth
 - 2. Greater works are to come
 - a. Resurrection from the dead
 - i. Lazarus - John 11
 - ii. Daughter of a religious leader (Mark 5:22-43)
 - iii. Son of a widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-14)
 - b. Judgment of the world
 - c. 37 miracles recorded
 - C. Giver of life
 - 1. Physically as Creator
 - 2. Spiritually -everlasting life for anyone who believes in Him
 - D. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus
 - E. You pray to a God who stepped out of heaven in the body of Christ; He knows all about the pain of humanity with all the resources of heaven
- III. The Father & Son Deserve Worship
- A. Jews thought they were worshiping God, while rejecting Jesus
 - B. If you don't honor both the Father and Son, you don't honor either
 - C. Even the Father honored the son - Philippians 2:9
 - D. Honor Him by receiving Him as Savior and please Him as Lord in your life
- IV. The Father & Son Determine Welfare
- A. Know Jesus, know peace - No Jesus, no peace
 - B. Know Jesus, know life - No Jesus, no life
 - C. Everlasting life is as easy as believing, trusting and relying on what Jesus said about Himself as God
 - D. If you don't believe, you'll die in your sins - John 8:24

Figures Referenced: David F. Strauss, Napoleon Bonaparte, Kenneth Wuest

Publications Referenced: Encyclopedia Britannica; "The New Testament: An Expanded Translation," by Kenneth Wuest

Hebrew terms: Amen- truly

Cross References: Psalm 121:4; Matthew 16:14; Mark 5:22-43; Luke 7:11-14; Luke 23:2; John 4:13-14; John 6:15; John 6:35; John 7:12; John 8:12; John 8:23; John 8:24; John 8:58; John 10:20; John 11; John 14:6; John 14:9; Philippians 2:9