
The Gospel According to John

The Woman of Samaria 4:7-44 Review

3. *He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.*
4. *And He had to pass through Samaria.*
5. *So He *came to a city of Samaria called Sychar,
near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;*

Verses 7-42

- 43 *After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.*
- 44 *For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.*

John 4:45–5:17 (NASB95)

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

Healing a Nobleman's Son

After the “official” authenticated the work of Christ he and his entire household believed.

Chapter 5

The Healing at Bethesda

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 Afterward Jesus *found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.” 15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

Jesus' Equality with God

- 18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

I would often hear skeptics say that Jesus never claimed to be God, yet John's gospel makes it clear that He did. Note the reasons why they were seeking to kill Jesus is because He told a man after healing him to take up his pallet and walk and He claimed that God was His Father. The issue of working on the Sabbath was bad, but His claim to be equal to God was blasphemous in the sight of the Jewish leaders.

Their accusation against Christ at this point was not based on the words of someone else, but rather the words of Christ Himself. Remember this was the beginning of Jesus' ministry and from this point on they were seeking to kill Him because of what He did and said.

- 19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

It was bad enough that Jesus was claiming to be equal with God, now He is making statements that He is not only the Son of God but also that He only does what He sees the Father doing. This is to say that He has seen the Father when no man has seen God. Moreover, He is only doing those things that He has seen the Father do; in other words His actions are in direct correlation to that of the Father.

- 20 “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.
21 “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

Remember that in John's opening statement in this gospel he made sure that his readers knew that Jesus always existed with God and that He Himself is God. Therefore, all things known by God the Father is known also by the Son for the Father and the Son are one.

The Father will be glorified through the Son and all will marvel at the work of God. It is noteworthy that whatever the Father does the Son does as well. As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so to the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. This fact will be clearly seen throughout the ministry of Jesus (Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, etc.)

- 22 “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,
23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

1. I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

Matthew 9:1-8

- 1 Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over *the sea* and came to His own city.
- 2 And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”
- 3 And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This *fellow* blasphemes.”
- 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “**Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?**
- 5 **“Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, and walk’?**
- 6 **“But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”**—then He *said to the paralytic, “**Get up, pick up your bed and go home.**”
- 7 And he got up and went home.
- 8 But when the crowds saw *this*, they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Matthew 10:1

- 1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Matthew 28:18

- 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

- 24 **“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.**

Eternal life is based on believing what Jesus said about Himself.