STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN LESSON 6 - JOHN CHAPTER 5

ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 5.

MEMORIZE John 5:24,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

KEY WORDS

The key words in this lesson are: **belief**, **unbelief**, and **life**.

OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 5

- A. Healing of the helpless man, third sign, John 5:1-16.
- B. Jesus must be honored like God, John 5:17-30.
- C. Four witnesses as to Who Jesus is, John 5:31-47.

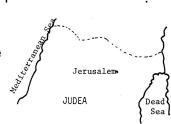
LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 5



A. Healing of the helpless man, third sign, John 5:1-16.

Where did Jesus go? John 5:1

There was a feast at Jerusalem. Some think this was the Passover feast. If this was the Passover feast, it was about a year after Jesus started His work.



In Jerusalem there was a strange pool. What was this pool called?

John 5:2

This name means the "house of mercy." (W. Smith, Smith's Bible Dictionary, p. 87.) At this

pool was a building that had 5 porches or rooms. Many sick people came to this pool. The water would move in this strange pool. The first person who went into this pool would be healed. This pool is still near Jerusalem.

Jesus came to this pool. He saw a sick man. This man had been sick for a long time.

How long was he sick? John 5:5

This man was waiting for someone to put him into the pool.

What did Jesus ask him? John 5:6

Strange question! Surely he wanted to be healed, but nobody cared for him. Jesus cared for him. Jesus healed him. The pool could only help those who could help themselves. Jesus helped those who could not help themselves.

Jesus told this sick man to do three things. What did He tell the sick man to do? John 5:8

This man was not strong enough to get to the pool by himself. Now Jesus said, "Rise" or "Stand up." The man must have believed the words of Jesus. Then Jesus said, "Take up your bed." The man was not to lie down again after he got up.

Then he was to "walk" - walk - WALK after 38 years of lying down! He was not to think anyone would carry him. He was to carry his bed. The man got up, rolled up his bed and walked. He was healed. He was made a strong man!

The man was healed on the Day of Rest. The religious rulers had very hard rules about the Day of Rest. They said, "Any person who disobeys our rules is a great sinner." They said a person should not do any work on the Day of Rest.

What did this man do on the Day of Rest?

John 5:9

NOTICE!

ANY PERSON WHO
DISOBEYS OUR
RULES IS A
GREAT SINNER.

Many people had seen this man lying there sick. Do you think the Jews were happy that he was made well?

What did the Jews say? John 5:10

The Jews were very upset about the man carrying a bed on the Day of Rest. They were more concerned about the breaking of their law than the healing of a man.

Did the man know who made him well? John 5:13

Where did the man go after he was made well? John 5:14

He went to

He may not have been in the temple for 38 years. He went to say, "Thank You" to God.

Jesus talked to the man in the temple. We learn from verse 14 that the man was sick because of sin. Jesus told the man, John 5:14,

"Behold,

lest a worse thing come unto thee."

When Jesus has made us well, or forgiven our sin, we should NOT go back into sin.

B. Jesus must be honored like God, John 5:17-30.

In the first lesson we talked about the word "Word." We use words to let others know what we want them to understand. Jesus came into the world to let us know what God wanted us to understand.

Jesus did not use the words, "I am God." But Jesus said,

" worketh hitherto, and I work." John 5:17.

The New Life Testament says it this way:

"Jesus said to them, My Father is still working all the time so I am working also."

The Jews knew this meant that Jesus was saying He was the same as God. Jesus told the Jews more about His work.

He said He did the things He saw

do.

As God, the Father those He wanted.

the dead (verse 21) so Jesus could give life to

Further, God had given all

to Him (John 5:22).

Because of this people should honor Him as they honor God, John 5:23.

Jesus said the Jews would have to make a choice, John 5:24. If they would hear and believe what Jesus said, they would have everlasting life. To hear means to listen and obey. If they did not hear and believe they would be judged.

Which
Resurrection?

Life? Death?

Jesus said there are two resurrections, John 5:29

1) , and 2)

Every person will be in one resurrection or the other resurrection. Even these Jews would be in the one or in the other.

Who would be in the resurrection of life? John 5:29

Who would be in the resurrection of damnation?

We too will be in one of these resurrections. Which resurrection will you be in?

Who will be the judge? John 5:30

Today some say, "Jesus is a good teacher and a very good man." They do not believe Jesus is God. Jesus said,

"My Father and I are One," John 10:30 (N.L.T.).

If Jesus is not the same as God, He is not a good teacher. If Jesus is not the same as God, He deceives the people. But the Bible tells us that Jesus is God, Hebrews 1:8.

C. Four witnesses as to Who Jesus is, John 5:31-47.

It is easy to understand that those who hated Jesus would not believe His words. They wanted other witnesses who would say, "Jesus is God." Jesus knew this. He told them of four witnesses.

1. John the Baptist, John 5:31-35.

Did many people accept the witness of John the Baptist?

John told the people Who Jesus was, John 1:29,36.

WITNESSES

John the Baptist
The works Jesus did
The Father Himself
The Holy Scriptures

2. The works Jesus did, John 5:36

In chapter three we read about who knew that Jesus was from God

because . (John 3:2).

Why could the religious leaders not see that Jesus was from God? The religious leaders must have known about the sick man. They must have known he was sick for a long time. They had seen him as they went by the pool. They had seen Jesus do other miracles. But they would not believe that Jesus was the Son of God. They would not believe that Jesus was the same as God.

3. The Father Himself, John 5:37-38.

Three times men were able to hear the voice of God. Maybe some of the religious leaders were by the river when Jesus was baptized, Matthew 3:16,17. They probably heard the voice of God say,

"This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17.

This was the first time God spoke from heaven during the time Jesus lived on earth. The other two times were later on during the ministry of Jesus, Matthew 17:5; John 12:28,29. The religious leaders could have heard the voice of God, but they did not.

4. The Holy Scriptures, John 5:39-47.

Jesus used the Scriptures (Old Testament) as a witness too. Jesus told the religious leaders,

"They do tell of Me," John 5:39 (N.L.T.).

The religious leaders thought they had everlasting life. Yet, they did not want to believe Jesus.

Who did the religious leaders trust? John 5:45

Many people today who know the Bible well do not believe that Jesus is God. Because they do not believe this, they cannot see Jesus as their Savior.

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. blaspheme to use wicked words about God or to make oneself as God.
- 2. damnation to be punished forever away from God and heaven.
- 3. deceive to make someone believe what is not true.

- 4. feast a time when we use a meal to help remember something in a special way.
- 5. honor to think much about a person, to give praise to someone.
- 6. ministry the work of helping others to know God better.
- 7. resurrection when the dead are raised to life again.
- 8. spiritual 1. that which belongs to the spirits, Ephesians 6:12
 - 2. living in close fellowship with God.
 - 3. the part of a life that is not the body, 1 Thessalonians 5:23.
- 9. trust to rest in one who we believe speaks the truth; to really believe.

Lesson 6 - Review

Choose the right answer and write it on the blank.

- 1. The name of the pool in John chapter 5 is
 - a. Bethany.
 - b. Bethlehem.
 - c. Bethesda.
- 2. Jesus found a man at this pool who had been sick for
 - a. 3 months.
 - b. 8 years.
 - c. 38 years.
- 3. Jesus told this man,
 - a. "I'll help you into the pool."
 - b. "Rise, take up your bed, walk."
 - c. "Go home."
- The man was sick because
 - a. he was born sick.
 - b. he had done sin.
 - c. he had hurt himself.
- 5. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." The Jews knew
 - a. this meant Jesus was the same as God.
 - b. this meant Jesus was not the same as God.

Fill in the blanks:

6.	There are two resurrections. They are:
	1) .
	2) .
7.	Four witnesses as to Who Jesus is, are:
	1)
	2)
	3) The Father Himself.
	4)
8.	Write out John 5:24.
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