

JOHN: THE WORD: GRACE AND TRUTH #8**John 5:24-47****John 6:1-29**

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28 Do not be surprised *and* wonder at this, for the time is coming when all those who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, 29 And they shall come out—those who have practiced doing good [will come out] to the resurrection of [new] life, and those who have done evil will be raised for judgment [raised to meet their sentence]. [Dan. 12:2.] 30 I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek *or* consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will *and* pleasure of the Father Who sent Me. 31 If I alone testify in My behalf, My testimony is not valid *and* cannot be worth anything.

32 There is Another Who testifies concerning Me, and I know *and* am certain that His evidence on My behalf is true and valid. 33 You yourselves have sent [an inquiry] to John and he has been a witness to the truth. 34 But I do not receive [a mere] human witness [the evidence which I accept on My behalf is not from man]; but I simply mention all these things in order that you may be saved (made and kept safe and sound). 35 John was the lamp that kept on burning and shining [to show you the way], and you were willing for a while to delight (sun) yourselves in his light. 36 But I have as My witness something greater (weightier, higher, better) than that of John; for the works that the Father has appointed Me to

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accomplish *and* finish, the very same works that I am now doing, are a witness *and* proof that the Father has sent Me.

37 And the Father Who sent Me has Himself testified concerning Me. Not one of you has ever given ear to His voice or seen His form (His face—what He is like). [You have always been deaf to His voice and blind to the vision of Him.] 38 And you have not His word (His thought) living in your hearts, because you do not believe *and* adhere to *and* trust in *and* rely on Him Whom He has sent. [That is why you do not keep His message living in you, because you do not believe in the Messenger Whom He has sent.] 39 You search *and* investigate *and* pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose *and* trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me! 40 And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life. 41 I receive not glory from men [I crave no human honor, I look for no mortal fame],

42 But I know you and recognize *and* understand that you have not the love of God in you. 43 I have come in My Father's name *and* with His power, and you do not receive Me [your hearts are not open to Me, you give Me no welcome]; but if another comes in his own name *and* his own power *and* with no other authority but himself, you will receive him *and* give him your approval. 44 How is it possible for you to believe [how can you learn to believe], you who [are content to seek and] receive praise *and* honor *and* glory from one another, and yet do not seek the praise *and* honor *and* glory which come from Him Who alone is God? 45 Put out of your minds the thought *and* do not suppose [as some of you are supposing] that I will accuse you before the Father. There is one who accuses you—it is Moses, the very one on whom you have built your hopes [in whom you trust]. 46 For if you believed *and* relied on Moses, you would believe *and* rely on Me, for he wrote about Me [personally]. 47 But if you do not believe *and* trust his writings, how then will you believe *and* trust My teachings? [How shall you cleave to and rely on My words?] **John 5:24-47 AMPC**

- Jesus' equality with God

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. **John 5:18 NASB**

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- The Jewish leaders were incredibly angered by the statement Jesus was making and their desire was to kill Him. Jesus just keeps speaking truth to them.

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26 For even as the Father has life in Himself *and* is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself *and* be self-existent. **John 5:24-26 AMPC**

- He is telling them how they can be saved...how they can obtain eternal life.
- He explains how they can pass from the state of death to the state of life...from the state of condemnation to the state of justification...be declared righteous and gain eternal life.
- They don't accept His testimony, so He provides them with more. (**v31-40**)
 - He gives them four witnesses.
 - The witness within (spirit).
 - The witness of John the Baptist.
 - The witness of the Scriptures...the Word of God (See **Galatians 4:4-6**)
 - The witness of the miracles.
- Jesus speaks a most penetrating word to them..." I do not accept glory from man, but I know you well, and I know that in your hearts you do not really love God" ...**v41-42 Weymouth N.T.**
- Jesus reminds them that they can't live for glory and adulation from each other and truly seek the glory that is God and comes from God. **V43-45**
- Jesus moves towards Tiberias and more miracles take place. (The 5000 fed) walking on the water.

1 AFTER THIS, Jesus went to the farther side of the Sea of Galilee—that is, the Sea of Tiberias.

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2 And a great crowd was following Him because they had seen the signs (miracles) which He [continually] performed upon those who were sick. 3 And Jesus walked up the mountainside and sat down there with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was approaching. 5 Jesus looked up then, and seeing that a vast multitude was coming toward Him, He said to Philip, where are we to buy bread, so that all these people may eat? 6 But He said this to prove (test) him, for He well knew what He was about to do. 7 Philip answered Him, two hundred pennies' (forty dollars) worth of bread is not enough that everyone may receive even a little. 8 Another of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

9 There is a little boy here, who has [with him] five barley loaves, and two small fish; but what are they among so many people? 10 Jesus said, make all the people recline (sit down). Now the ground (a pasture) was covered with thick grass at the spot, so the men threw themselves down, about 5,000 in number. 11 Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed *to the disciples and the disciples* to the reclining people; so also [He did] with the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they had all had enough, He said to His disciples, gather up now the fragments (the broken pieces that are left over), so that nothing may be lost *and* wasted. 13 So accordingly they gathered them up, and they filled twelve [small hand] baskets with fragments left over by those who had eaten from the five barley loaves. 14 When the people saw the sign (miracle) that Jesus had performed, they began saying, Surely *and* beyond a doubt this is the Prophet Who is to come into the world! [Deut. 18:15, 18; John 1:21; Acts 3:22.] 15 Then Jesus, knowing that they meant to come and seize Him that they might make Him king, withdrew again to the hillside by Himself alone. **John 6:1-15 AMPC**

- ..." And a large crowd was following Him, because they were seeing the signs which He was doing on the ones being sick...**v2 N.T. Transline**
- **V5-7** Jesus has a test for Phillip...Phillip does not have a faith-filled response...
 - Phillip reminds Jesus of the money they don't have.
 - Andrew reports the only 'substance' that they do have...and it is 'borrowed' ...just one order of fish and chips.
 - **V11** Jesus has them seat the 5000 (men) and He gives thanks, and He distributes the food (see **Matthew 14**) with twelve baskets of 'leftovers'.

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- The miracle of the Feeding the 5000 is in the multiplication of the food, not in the mode of distribution.
- (v14) The people saw the 'sign', the 'attesting miracle' and said..." truly this is the prophet who is come into the world."
- Jesus is astute.... He knows what is in the hearts of men and He pulls away to the mountains to avoid the crowds demands. (v15)

16Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17and after getting into a boat, they *started to* cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18The sea *began* to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they *saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. 20But He *said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. 22The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but *that* His disciples had gone away alone. 23There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. 25When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?" 26Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." 28Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" 29Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." **John 6:16-29 NASB**

- **V20-21..."** But the One says to them I am the One. Stop being afraid..." **N.T. Transline**

Jesus replied, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I AM. **John 8:58 AMPC**

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- As soon as Jesus got in the boat, the boat was at the other side of the sea.
- The ‘crowd’ eventually catches up with Jesus and His team and they had one question...” Rabbi, when did you get here??”
 - Jesus replies:

26 For even as the Father has life in Himself *and* is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself *and* be self-existent. 27 And He has given Him authority *and* granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of man [very man]. **John 6:26-27 AMPC**

- The people say...” What do we do so that we may work to the works of God?? (v28) Jesus responds...” This...is above all the things that God requires – that you should believe in Him whom He has sent...” **v29 Weymouth N.T.**

13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, on the clouds of the heavens came One like a Son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.14 And there was given Him [the Messiah] dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed. **Daniel 7:13-14 AMPC**