

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ The Witnesses of Messiahship

Last time: Jesus Christ's Declaration of Messiahship/Deity

Jesus was sent to speak the Father's words, to do the Father's works
Jesus submitted His will to the will of the Father
The denial of one's will requires...faith

Jesus is Heb 12:2 ("our" is in italics", not in italics in NIV, ESV, MEV, NLT)

Our salvation is based on the faith of Christ
The substance/support of things hoped for/expected in the accomplishment of God's
plan of redemption of fallen man is the faith of Jesus Christ, NOT our faith

The Author and Finisher of faith is faithful

- at the start
- at the end
- at every point in between
- ALWAYS

We are not always faithful, we have weak faith, we need help with our unbelief

Our redemption is secured by the faith of Christ, not by our faith

Gal 2:16, 20

Eph 2:8-10

1 Cor 1:29, 31

gifts: grace, faith, repentance...our role is to accept or not
That no flesh should glory in his presence.
That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him
glory in the Lord.

Note: The faith of Jesus Christ is Biblical truth found only in TR (Antioch),
not in Alexandrian texts..."evangelism" vs "Gnosticism"
(NKJV and NASB are a mix of the two)

This time: the Witnesses of Jesus Christ's Messiahship

In the 2nd year of Jesus' ministry, we will again be in the Gospel of John, Chapter 5

The scene:

Jesus is being confronted by the Pharisees (v15-18)

In response, He made 10 Declarations of His Messiahship (v19-30)

Jesus now calls His witnesses to testify of His Messiahship/Deity

v31 If I bear witness of Myself:

He starts by “disqualifying” Himself, His testimony on His behalf not being admissible in court

“Doug, you are accused of ____.”

“I didn’t so it.”

“Who can testify that you didn’t do it.”

“Me. I just did.”

Even though that is sufficient for God, the Lawgiver is keeping the Law

Deut 19:15 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.

v32-33 There is another that beareth witness of Me:

Jesus’ 1st witness is John the Baptist

- Spirit-filled from conception
- a man of earth sent by God with God’s testimony
- His Forerunner

Ch 1:6-8, 15, 23, 29-34

John the Baptist’s witness of Jesus Christ:

1. The True Light and Life of men (v4, 6-8)
2. Eternal (God, v15)

Is 57:15

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

(hence, the call to repentance)

3. The Lord (v23)
4. The Lamb of God (v29)
5. The Baptizer of the Holy Spirit of God (v33)
6. The Son of God (v34)
7. Truth (a Person, not an ideal)

v34 I receive not testimony from man:

As a point of clarification regarding the testimony of John the Baptist,
Jesus says John's testimony (as a prophet) was God's testimony

Man has an opinion that can waver and change...or be bought
God is Absolute unchanging Truth, the Final Authority

Jesus wanted neither the testimony of
man (Ch 2:23-25) or demon (Luke 4:31-35a)

Demons are unclean spirits
Man is flawed and finite...corrupt and self-centered
God is pure, perfect, holy, just, true

Rom 3:4 God be true, every man a liar

All Witnesses Jesus will present to testify of His Messiahship will be from God

And Jesus offers God's witnesses of His Messiahship/Deity so that they

- might...their choice/will
- be saved...submit their will to God's will, wisely invest their measure of faith, agree with God (His heart, plan, Word, work)
 - Deut 30:11-20
 - 2 Peter 3:9 not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance
 - 1 Tim 2:3-4 God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Back to His 1st Witness, John the Baptist...

v35 were willing for a season to rejoice:

Jesus reminds the Pharisees that they heard the testimony of John the Baptist and rejoiced...initially.

They were willing to rejoice: an expression and condition of the heart

For a season:

Initially in this time of great Messianic expectancy to hear about
the coming Messiah

Perhaps until Matt 3:7-10...John the Baptist's testimony that they
were contrary to John's Messiah

v36 greater witness...the works:

Jesus calls His 2nd Witness: the works His Father has given Him to do

Thus far:

1. turned water into wine
2. cleansed the Father's house (Temple)
3. healed the son of the nobleman from Capernaum
4. directed-catch of fish by His new fishers of men
5. healed a man in Capernaum afflicted by an unclean spirit...
on the Sabbath
6. healed Peter's mother-in-law...
on the Sabbath
7. healed a leper
8. forgave the sin of and healed the paralyzed man (thru roof)
9. healed the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda...
on the Sabbath

All are works

- The Father gave Jesus to do
- Jesus did
- only God could do

These works bear witness of the Identity of the One sent by God

v37a the Father Himself:

Jesus calls His 3rd Witness – the Father Himself

When did the Father bear witness of His Son?

When the Rightful King was anointed by the rightful priest

Matt 3:16-17

v37b-38 heard...seen...have not...believe not:

Turning the tables on His accusers, Jesus testifies that they have not

- heard the voice of the Father
- seen the shape of the Father
- the Word of the Father written on their hearts (Jer 31:31-33)

His evidence to warn and convict them:

- They have not believed Him/Jesus (also John) the Father has sent
- They do not the Word (Love is the fulfillment of the Law)
- The words of Jesus are required of them (Deut 18:19...
God is going to administer pop quizzes, then a Final Exam!)

v39 Search the Scripture...they are they which testify of Me:
Jesus calls His 4th Witness: God's Word, the Scriptures (all of them)

To prepare for a pop quiz and for the Final Exam, one studies the subject material

Search/Seek/Investigate/Interrogate the Scriptures...looking for Me because
they testify of Me, Who I AM

Scripture...2 Tim 3:16-17...is about Jesus Christ
This is absolute key to rightly dividing the Word (2 Tim 2:15)

As we read/study

- Ask questions: Who, What, Where, When, Why
(Scriptures interpret Scriptures)
- If have a question, ask the question: Where is Jesus?

Then

James 1:22-25

Rom 2:13

Jesus has called the 4 Witnesses that testify of His Messiahship/Deity
Now, He continues to testify against the Pharisees

v40 ye will not:
Contrary to 1 Tim 2:4 is this, their choice:

saying "No" to

- Truth
- eternal life
- obeying the Almighty God
- loving God
- the revelation of God (Heb 1:1-3)

saying "Yes" to

- lies
- eternal death
- rebelling against God
- loving Self more than God
- traditions, religions, philosophies of man

Sin is irrational!

Investing your measure of faith in Jesus Christ is the most rational thing a person
can do...say "Yes" to Jesus Christ and "No" to man

v41-42 I receive not honor from men:

Jesus is not seeking honor from men because

- Is 64:6
- Jer 17:9
- He has the Father's honor (v23)
Why would He take such a radical "step down"?

But I know you:

Jer 17:10

Eph 2:1-3

- dead in sin
- worldly...carnal, sold under sin
- followers of the devil (whether knew it or not)
- children of disobedience
- lives driven by the lust of the flesh
- children of God's wrath

"You do not have *agape* for the Father in your heart."

A marked contrast to v20...Jesus drawing a clear distinction between Himself and mere men, like these Pharisees

The Father could not have *agape* in His heart for Jesus (or vice versa)...

He had *phileo*

Man cannot have *phileo* in his heart for the Father (or Jesus)...
it must be *agape* or nothing

v43 I am come in My Father's name...another shall come in his own name:

Having

- made His 10 Declarations of His Messiahship/Deity
- called His 4 Witnesses of His Messiahship/Deity
- warned/testified against His accusers the Pharisees

Jesus Christ foretells

- the end of His 1st coming
- the end before His 2nd coming

The Son of God has come to earth as the Servant of God, as the Lamb of God to suffer as the Father's Sin Offering

He has come in His Father's nature/character and authority

He will be rejected (previously foretold in Gen 22, Ps 22, Is 53)

The Son of God will return to earth as the King of Kings and Lord of lords to judge His enemies and to set up the Kingdom of God on earth

In the last days before, His people Israel will accept a counterfeit christ

Jesus did not say these things “point blank” because they are in Scripture...
and He expected those to whom the Scripture was given to know it

Dan 9:2, 24-25

Neh 2:1-6

Dan 9:26a

recorded in 538BC...approx 570 years prior
March 14, 445BC + 173,880 days = King (TE)
Messiah will be executed, an innocent Man
dying in the place of others

KJV, NKJV so say

NIV, NASB, MEV, ESV, NLT: “...Messiah shall be cut off and
shall have nothing.”

Which is it:

- a. Jesus Christ the Messiah/God was sinless and
executed for the sins of others as the Father’s
sin sacrifice for Adam’s race?
- or
- b. Jesus was executed and had nothing to show for it?

It matters what Bible you read!!!

Dan 9:26b-27

requires a peace treaty between Israel and a
counterfeit christ/messiah and the existence of a
Jewish temple in Jerusalem, on Temple Mount
in the 70th Week

In subsequent revelation, that temple will be built by a counterfeit christ

2 Thes 2:1-12

1 Thes 5:1-3

Jesus is foretelling of the days before His 2nd Coming...before the end of His 1st Coming

The Pharisees came boldly to interrogate and accuse Jesus

Jesus gets the last word by asking them some questions...to take away and think about

v44 How can ye believe:

But how can you possibly believe the truth if you

- honor yourselves...man is the standard of truth (humanism)
culminating in the counterfeit christ?
- seek not the honor of God...God Who alone is good is the standard of
Truth revealed in the True Christ?

(You will believe the lie and not the truth)

v45-47 accuse...believed:

John 3:16-17...so Jesus will not condemn them...
that would be redundant and not why He was sent

But Moses will accuse/condemn them to the Father!

Imagine their shock!

They claim to be followers of Moses (Ch 9:28-29)

Yet they deceived themselves because the Law of Moses was not written
on their heart...

- they did not keep it – Love (the nature of the Lawgiver) is the fulfillment
- they did not believe the words of Jesus – Deut 18:15-19
- they did not understand the Spirit of the Law (SoM)
 - Rom 2:23-29
- they did not understand why the Law was given
 - Rom 3:19
 - Rom 7:7, 14
 - James 2:10

Every man fails to live up to his moral standard
Every man is a hypocrite
Jesus Christ being the Only exception

No man is perfect
Jesus Christ being the Only exception

Therefore the importance of the faith of Christ being
the substance/support for God's Plan of Redemption
of fallen man

- Gal 3:10-22 (anti-religion/humanism letter)

“...the promise by faith of Jesus Christ”

Care to take a guess what ALL the other English
translations say, the translations rooted in or
compromised with the humanism of Alexandria?!

“in” vs “of”...a monumental impact

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Hab 2:4...the faith of Jesus Christ

Of which every man is given a measure...and the choice in whom to invest it

Jesus Christ still has Witnesses on earth

1. Scriptures
2. The Holy Spirit (John 15:26-27)
3. Faithful men/children
 - a. His Bride (Acts 1:8, 1 Cor 6:19-20)
 - b. Israel (2 Witnesses + 144,000) once the faithful Bride is given the promised open door in heaven

Acts 14:17 He left not Himself without witness

By rightly dividing the Word of God, the Sword of the Spirit,
By receiving the baptism of Jesus Christ, the baptism of the Holy Spirit,
be a fruitful witness/ambassador of Jesus Christ where He has planted you

Is 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: