

Sunday: John 5:28-47

It is important to understand the setting of this passage. Jesus has ignited a firestorm with the healing of the lame man. The Jews were coming down hard on Jesus and trying to discredit Him. Jesus claims several signs to support His authenticity.

He begins by showing that His witness would be invalid and leaves His defense to several sources. (Vs 31-32)

1. The witness of John the Baptist (Vs 33-35)
2. His works (Vs 36)
3. The Father (37-38) *See what Jesus is referring to Matthew 3:16-17*
4. The Scriptures (Vs 39-47)

Notice (Vs 40) nothing really has changed from then till today. Notice it is man rejecting God not God rejecting man!

(Vs 43) We see this today. Many come and show little or no authenticity and men flock to them. Still many will come to Christ, let us be aware of who is around us and tell others of God's love!

Daily Devotions

Monday: John 3:22-36

Here we see John's ministry in its final days. What a good man, he was entirely selfless in his life (Vs 26-30) Many people would be jealous and seek to "cut Jesus down" John was submitted to God's will for his life, even if it meant death. Verse 30 should be our motto today and every day!

(Vs 31-36) This is the final statement from John, he would be put into prison and eventually beheaded. John was a faithful servant of God. John's ministry lasted around 6 months some say. Yet read Jesus' statement concerning this man. (Luke 7:28) As long as we are faithful and lift up Christ in our lives, we are a success in God's eyes!

Tuesday: John 4:1-13

Here Jesus is walking in His Father's will. He knew God wanted Him to minister in Samaria (Vs 4) This is amazing because of (Vs 9) Jews and Samaritans did not get along, yet Jesus did not play these games.

A true Christian never differentiates based on race, or social standing. Such ways have no place in a Christian's life.

Note Jesus was at this well at the Jewish 6th hour (noon our time) The women of the city would not go at noon but before the heat of the day.... So why was she here? Many people believe it was because she was not welcome with the other ladies. As we will see she was a harlot or prostitute (Vs 16-18) No doubt she was looked down upon. Jesus did not condone her sin, but He did love her and as we will see much good came of it.

Does God have any appointments for you today? Will you allow God's love to shine through you? Do not let man made barriers of social, racial and political differences crowd out God's love!

Wednesday: John 4:14-26

We continue with Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well. Notice she has a focus on the physical, but Jesus focused on the spiritual (Vs 9- 10). We are the same way today.

(Vs 14) Jesus speaks of the work of the Spirit in a Christian's life. Our source is internal not external. (Philippians 4:13) Christ is the "well of water" within us! Let's not "stop up" this source by keeping sin in our lives.

(Vs 15-18) This woman was essentially asking to be saved, Jesus then had to deal with her sin. (Vs16) Nobody can be saved until they are faced with their sinful condition.

(Vs 19-26) Upon being confronted with her sin, she immediately brought up a ongoing dispute concerning the place of worship (Vs 19-20) The devil is good at getting people chasing rabbits that lead away from Christ

(Vs 21-26) Jesus tells her that God is seeking worship in "spirit and truth" not a particular place. Then Jesus claims to be the Messiah (25-26) and as we will see she believes!

Thursday: John 4:27-45

There is much in this passage that I will leave you to pick out, but notice a few things.

(Vs35-28) Jesus wants us to get in the harvest. In the context here we see Jesus was ministering to sinners caught in the bonds of sin, yet He loved them, Jesus looked past our sin and loved us, let us do the same.

(Vs 39-42) God used this woman to lead many to Christ. God uses anybody and He has a knack for using the worst pasts for His glory! It is notable the Samaritans received Him better than the Jews (Vs40)

Friday: John 4:46-54

Here Jesus is back in Cana where He began His ministry. Some have suggested Jesus was discouraged at the response, it seemed they sought only entertainment (Vs44-45) because they saw Him turn water into wine they came!

(Vs 46-47) Here a ruler comes 25 miles (a days walk) to beg Jesus to heal his son. Jesus responded (Vs 48) Jesus took him for the rest of the crowd; they only followed for the miracles. This man sets himself apart by demonstrating his faith (Vs49-54)

Why are you following Christ? He is only pleased by Faith (Hebrews 11:6) Faith moves Him to action! Have Faith in God today!

Saturday: John 5:1-27

This story is a true story, archeologist have found the pool. Read the passage and note some awesome truths

1. Jesus joined His Father in work (Vs 16-17)
2. Jesus could do nothing f Himself (Vs 19) If this is true of Jesus, how much more for us?
3. Jesus knew where and what his Father was doing through His relationship with His Father (Vs 20)

We are not called to chart our own course but to join with God in what He is already doing! Some would argue this relationship could only be for Jesus, but note (John 15:15) It is clear God wants you and I to work with Him. How is your relationship with God? Are you seeing what He wants you to see and doing what He is inviting you to do? This is why Jesus healed this lame man.

