“I Say These Things That You May Be Saved”

Intro: When we began to study the fifth chapter of John’s gospel just five weeks ago, we read as the __________ “went up to Jerusalem” and while He was there He __________ “a certain man ... who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness.”

A. This enraged the hypocritical religious leaders and it was “for this cause therefore that the Jews were seeking all the more to ________ ________, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own ____________, making Himself equal with ________.”

B. In the text this Lord’s Day, we continue to read as the Lord to His accusers, warning them of the coming judgment, verifying the ________ of His deity, and telling them what they needed to hear that they might be saved.

I. To gather His accuser’s attention, __________ _________ of the just judgment that “those who committed the evil deeds” would face. (Cf. vs. 29 & 30)

A. Jesus explained to His accusers that in their ______________ Him for what He did and said, they were in fact persecuting the Heavenly __________ who sent Him to do what He did and say what He said, and for such they would be justly ________!

1. Since Jesus does not act upon His own initiative, but only judges as He hears from the Father, He assured His non-believing accusers that His ______________ is ________.

II. In loving regard for those who persecuted Him, Jesus ______________ the __________ of His testimony about Himself through collaborating testimonies.

A. Jesus states that “the witness” (God the ____________) bears of Him, and that the testimony He (the Father) bears of Him (the Son) is _______.

B. Since His accusers would not believe His testimony alone, nor hear the Father’s, God __________ them the ______________ of John the Baptist.

1. By their _______ investigative ________ the religious authorities had the witness of John which confirmed the Lord’s witness. They are ________ for their unbelief!

C. Though Jesus did not need the Baptist’s testimony to confirm the truth, He presented it to them ________ ________ may believe and ____ _________.

1. Even the religious __________ had ___________ and involved themselves ____ the ______________ ministry looking forward to the coming Messiah.

a. Through John the Baptist the ____________ hypocrites _____ a witness who collaborated the truth of Christ - whom even they rejoiced in for a season.
D. ___________ said that the witness He had was greater than the testimony of John the Baptist! And, that His life and the very ___________ He did bore ___________ of Him - that the Heavenly Father sent Him.

E. Jesus told them that the Heavenly ___________ has borne of Him.

III. Those who persecuted Jesus would _____ ___________ because they neither heard the voice of the Father at any time nor had seen His form for they were ___________.

A. Jesus plainly stated their lost condition saying that they had revealed that God’s ___________ did _____ abide ___ ___________; and the proof of it was that they did not believe in the Father who sent Him.

B. ___________ was delivered up and persecuted that He might before the authorities. He said what He said according to the Father’s will that His ___________ might be ___________. (Cf. Matt. 10:17-18 & John 5:34) But, because the Word was not in them, they did not believe the Father who sent His Son.

C. This is what had happened to the religious leaders: they looked into the Word of God, but ___________ to humbly ___________ the word implanted. (Cf. Ja. 1:21-24)

Conclusion: What has this to do with you and me? Just as Jesus said these things that they might be saved, His words are recorded for us that we may be saved.

How can we be saved? ___________ the truth of these Words. Believe the ___________ of God the Father and of His Son, Christ Jesus as recorded in this Holy Book.

The Scripture says, “... "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" -- that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you ___________ with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and ___________ in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; 10 for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in ___________ ” (Rom. 10:8-10).