

John #56

10:31-41

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“The Father is in Me, and I in the Father”

Intro: This morning as we complete our study of the 10th chapter of John’s Gospel, we will read as Jesus continued to minister to those who _____ him, who thought Him a liar, accusing Him of blasphemy. Seeing that the Jewish authorities would not believe what He said, our loving _____ Jesus, in all grace and mercy, in urging them to believe in Him, and in addition to His Words He gave them a vast volume of undeniable _____.

A. Though we agree that His words are to be believed apart from any other evidence, Jesus mercifully ministered to those who plotted to kill Him by speaking of His _____ as _____ that verified the truth of His words.

B. As we hear His Word and consider the _____ of His works, let us cast away every doubt and fear for in _____, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Savior and Lord in whom we have _____!

I. Upon hearing Jesus say that He and the Father are one (and because they had _____), the religious authorities picked up stones to stone Him.

A. Jesus answered them saying, “_____ you many good _____ from the Father.” In saying this He expressed that if they would consider the works He worked they would have solid evidence that _____ the _____ of what He said and who He is!

1. To cause them to _____, Jesus asked the Jews, “for which” one of My Father’s good works “are you stoning Me.”

B. The Jews answered Jesus by saying that they were not going to stone Him because of a good work, but because He committed blasphemy by _____ to be God.

1. In rebuttal to their charge of blasphemy Jesus _____ to the _____.

a. The Lord’s reason was not only sound, but perfect. _____ Himself called the unjust human judges “gods” (cf. Ps. 82:6), to whom the word of God came that they might administer justice, _____ the Jews then _____ Jesus with blasphemy for referring to Himself God!?

II. Though these Jews would kill Him, though they would charge Him with blasphemy, though they would call Him a liar, _____ to them in _____!

A. For their sake, since they did believe His word, Jesus’ appeal again pointed them to the _____ of His works. He told them to _____ His signs and wonders, His miraculous _____.

1. Jesus ministered sound reason to them saying, "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me" (in what I say), "but _____ them," (if I do the works of My Father; if My works are from Heaven bringing glory to the Father and blessings to men, then) "though you do not believe Me (in what I say), _____ the works (believe what My works say about Me; believe what _____ verify about Me!)."

2. In truth, the works which the Heavenly Father gave His Son to work reveal the truth: that _____ the Son of _____. Who but God alone heals the lame, multiplies food, calms the sea, cleanses the lepers, and _____ to the blind? Who but God restores withered limbs, walks on water, casts out demons, and _____ the widow's son from _____?

B. With Christ's works being from the Father, His works testify that He is one with the Father. _____, as He said, not only is He and the Father one but they are inseparable therefore, their works are one of the same for it is as Jesus said, "the _____ is _____, and I in the Father."

1. To _____ the _____ is to refuse to worship the _____ for the Father is in the Son and the Son is in the Father.

C. This is nothing less than a reaffirmation and a building upon what Jesus said earlier, "I and the Father are one." That is, as the Jews understood Him, He declared Himself to be what He was: God! And now, as He clarified, He is not a *god* as God referred to the fallen judges, but _____ being one with the Heavenly Father equally sharing in the divine essence and every _____ quality. Indeed, it is as Jesus declared, "I am the Son of God" for "The Father is in Me, and _____ the _____."

D. Instead of taking the Lord's word to heart, _____ to consider the evidence of His works and therefore, in light of the Lord telling that the Father is in Him, and He in the Father, they were seeking again to _____.

III. Upon being _____ by the Jerusalem authorities and it not being His hour, Jesus went away to minister where they would _____.

A. While the religious leaders of the Holy City Jerusalem rejected Jesus words, those in the out lying area across the Jordon believed in Him. A.W. Pink wrote, "... many believed on Him because of what John had spoken. So it is now. It is the _____ which is the means _____ in bringing sinners to believe on the Savior."

Closing: The question then comes to us: Will you _____ the Word of God? Will you believe what His Word says about Jesus. Will You believe _____ Written _____ and the record of His works?

This is essential to salvation! Without the acceptance and embracing of this truth salvation does not come: One must _____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and in believing you _____ in His name."