

Beholding Jesus' Glory

During our visits we have learned from the Book of John that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and in fact Jesus is God in the flesh. We also read Jesus' astounding proclamations that begin with "I am": "I am" the Bread of Life, the True Vine, the Light of the World and the Good Shepherd. These are remarkable claims that point to the true identity of Jesus and his work. Jesus is the Son of God who gives eternal life on the basis of His death and resurrection to all who believe in Him.

In the Book of John we see that Jesus had many conflicts with "the Jews." The main conflict was that they did not believe that Jesus was God. Many of the religious teachers of the day said that Jesus was not the Messiah that they were waiting for and that the OT Scriptures taught about their God, and not this Jesus. But we see that the message in the Book of John is that God sent a Savior into the world, and the proof of this fact is not only found in the NT but in the OT as well. Before we go any farther let's look at Jesus in the OT; (Isaiah 53:1-3) (Isaiah 9:6-7) (Psalm 16:10,11) (Psalm 68:18-20)

****In Nazareth Jesus entered the synagogue and stood up to read: Luke 4:16-21***

Humans are sinners in need of a Savior. We are unable to do anything toward our salvation but we are dependent on God's initiative through Jesus. The Apostle John writes about the importance of believing in Jesus in order to be His disciple and to receive eternal life. Remember John was writing to young Christians and those who were curious about Christianity.

Q. Do you believe humans are sinners and in need of a Savior? Explain.

Today we will look at the final three "I am" divine claims of Jesus:

**"I am" the Gate for the Sheep, whoever enters through me will be saved."
(John 10:7-9)**

**"I am" the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live,
even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."
(John 11:25)**

Remember the Apostle John laid down the fact that "Jesus is God."
And now Jesus lays down the fact that no one comes to the Father except through Him.

**"I am" the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
(John 14:6)**

In these claims that Jesus made about himself we see that Jesus is a place of refuge, hope and our way to the Father. This Gospel of John was written so that we may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we may have life in His name.

Q. Should belief or unbelief in Jesus be based on feelings or should there be documentation?