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## Matthew

### Matthew 8:23-34

<sup>23</sup> Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. <sup>24</sup> And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. <sup>25</sup> Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' <sup>26</sup> But He said to them, 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> So the men marveled, saying, 'Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?'

<sup>28</sup> When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. <sup>29</sup> And suddenly they cried out, saying, 'What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?' <sup>30</sup> Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. <sup>31</sup> So the demons begged Him, saying, 'If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of pigs.' <sup>32</sup> And He said to them, 'Go.' So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

<sup>33</sup> Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. <sup>34</sup> And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region."

>> **Highlights:** Two events here - calming of the stormy Sea of Galilee, and the driving out of the demons into a herd of pigs, or swine. Both events show Jesus being God - claiming to be God, and doing things that only God can do.

### Matthew 9:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. <sup>2</sup> Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.' <sup>3</sup> And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, 'This Man blasphemes!' <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you", or to say, "Arise and walk"? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins'--then He said to the paralytic, 'Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.' <sup>7</sup> And he arose and departed to his house."

>> **Highlights:** Jesus here heals a man and forgives him - only God can do that.

### Matthew 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup> At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup> And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, 'Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!' <sup>3</sup> But He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? <sup>5</sup> Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? <sup>6</sup> Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. <sup>7</sup> But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup> For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

>> **Highlights:** Here, Jesus is clearly claiming to be the Lord of Lords, and yes, Lord of the Sabbath.

### Matthew 16:13-21

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do

men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' <sup>14</sup> So they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in Heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. <sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

>> **Highlights:** This is one rare conversation we see in the Gospels, where Jesus is putting His disciples through some critical thinking. They have, by now, seen months of miracles, heard amazing teachings - all things that only God in human flesh could do. And here, with His 12 and probably a few other trusted disciples, He confirms that He indeed is God, and the Christ... and then teaches them something they still don't know how to understand - that He's going to die in our place, to pay for the willful sins of those who repent and put their trust in Him.

#### **Matthew 16:22-28**

"<sup>22</sup> Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!' <sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.' <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. <sup>28</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.'"

>> **Highlights:** Jesus rebuking satan with some familiarity in rebuking and restraining him. Jesus also references this in Luke 10:18, and we see it in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 as well. Jesus then teaches, again (as Jesus had been teaching these things for months now and the disciples were still trying to grasp it) the core teachings of the salvation covenant and the requirements for salvation and a changed heart, and then Jesus gives a prophecy that He will return in the glory of His Father - claiming to be God. And, then Jesus gives a promise/prophecy that very soon, some of the 12 disciples will see Jesus in His glory - referencing the "Transfiguration" that we see in Matthew 17:2 and Mark 9:2, witnessed by Peter, James, and John. That was when Jesus glowed, showing just some of His glory, that He set aside to come to earth to die for us (Philippians 2:6), to save all who receive His salvation covenant.

#### **Matthew 26:59-66**

"<sup>63</sup> But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, 'I put You under oath by the Living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!' <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, 'It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty God, and coming on the clouds of Heaven.'"

>> **Highlights:** The phrase there in the Greek for "It is as you say" would be more properly translated with several phrases, the phrase "I AM" as noted in the other gospels, is a correct translation. The phrase also means "It is exactly like you said, and you already know that" in addition to the "I AM" implication. Also, you can see that He claimed to be God in many details there, by the reaction of the Scribes and Pharisees - they wanted to kill/murder Him because He exposed their evil deeds, but pretended it was because He supposedly "blasphemed" by being God and claiming to be God, and proving it by His many miracles. Every time the Scribes and Pharisees pick up stones or try to murder Jesus because He claimed to be God, they emphasize that He was clearly saying and proving that He is God.

### Matthew 26:59-66

“<sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, <sup>60</sup> but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.”’ <sup>62</sup> And the high priest arose and said to Him, ‘Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?’ <sup>63</sup> But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, ‘I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!’ <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty God, and coming on the clouds of Heaven.’ <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, ‘He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! <sup>66</sup> What do you think?’ They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death.’”

>> **Highlights:** Here we see one of the kangaroo court scenes with the Scribes and Pharisees trying to murder Jesus by false accusation... and then asking Jesus, under oath before God, who He is, and He explains in clear and short words that He is God.

## Mark

### Mark 2:5-11

“<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>6</sup> And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>8</sup> But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, ‘Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven you”, or to say, “Arise, take up your bed and walk”? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins’--He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

>> **Highlights:** Who \*can\* forgive sins except God alone? No one, only God. Here in this passage, Jesus proved three ways - 1) claiming to be God, 2) forgiving sins, and 3) healing along with the forgiving of sins, proving that He is God and forgave the sins.

### Mark 2:23-28

“<sup>23</sup> Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> And the Pharisees said to Him, ‘Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?’ <sup>25</sup> But He said to them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: <sup>26</sup> how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?’ <sup>27</sup> And He said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.’”

>> **Highlights:** Jesus teaching the hard-of-hearing Scribes and Pharisees that He is the Lord, including of the Sabbath.

### Mark 4:37-41

“<sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, ‘Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?’ <sup>39</sup> Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace, be still!’ And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> But He said to them, ‘Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?’ <sup>41</sup> And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, ‘Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!’”

>> **Highlights:** Jesus has power of the wind and seas, because He is God. Just another proof.

### Mark 8:22-26

“<sup>22</sup> Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him.



<sup>23</sup> So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, 'I see men like trees, walking.' <sup>25</sup> Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. <sup>26</sup> Then He sent him away to his house, saying, 'Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town.'"

>> Highlights: The reason Jesus had to command them not to talk about this healing of the blind man, is because they realized He is God and were going to spread the info because of their excitement.

#### Mark 11:27-33

"<sup>27</sup> Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. <sup>28</sup> And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?" <sup>29</sup> But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: <sup>30</sup> The baptism of John--was it from Heaven or from men? Answer Me." <sup>31</sup> And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From Heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>32</sup> But if we say, 'From men' "--they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. <sup>33</sup> So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.""

>> Highlights: Here again, Jesus stumps the Scribes and Pharisees in their trickery. They come up to Him with a trick question, and with a very harsh tone, just after He has cleared the Temple of their money-stealing schemes. Jesus asks them to tell whether the teaching of John the Baptizer and his baptism were from God, or from men. They refuse to answer Him, and He refuses to answer them, but then goes on to warn against the cruel hypocrisy of the lying Scribes and Pharisees.

#### Mark 14:61-64

"<sup>61</sup> But Jesus kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, 'Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?' <sup>62</sup> Jesus said, 'I AM. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty God, and coming with the clouds of Heaven.' <sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'What further need do we have of witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?' And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death."

>> Highlights: Here we see clearly Jesus using the God's Name phrase: I AM. Jesus always has been God.

## Luke

#### Luke 4:16-30

"<sup>16</sup> So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." <sup>20</sup> Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

"<sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.' " <sup>24</sup> Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. <sup>25</sup> But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the Heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; <sup>26</sup> but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup> So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, <sup>29</sup> and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. <sup>30</sup> Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way."

>> **Highlights:** This is in Nazareth, the town Jesus grew up in. They knew Him, but they didn't want to obey or follow Him. Jesus taught them, and they partially listened. Then He rebuked them for shutting their ears and closing their eyes, and the leaders drove Jesus to the edge of the cliff the town was built on... and then Jesus froze them. They literally couldn't do any more than that. Jesus walked right through them, giving one of the loudest, softest and most gracious rebukes they would ever hear. You know some repented and followed Jesus from this town, especially after His crucifixion and resurrection.

#### Luke 5:4-11

<sup>4</sup> When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup> So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him."

>> **Highlights:** Here Jesus shows Jesus that He is God in a most dramatic way - 1) knowing where the fish were, 2) giving a large catch during the daytime, and 3) giving the largest catch of fish Peter and Andrew, James and John had \*ever\* seen... not just little fish - large fish and the boats were filled to the point of sinking... that is why Peter responded this way, realizing that He was in the presence of God, his heart having been softened by the teachings of Jesus He heard for hours before.

#### Luke 5:20-26

<sup>20</sup> When He saw their faith, He said to him, 'Man, your sins are forgiven you.' <sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, 'Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' <sup>22</sup> But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, 'Why are you reasoning in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you", or to say, "Rise up and walk"? <sup>24</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins'--He said to the man who was paralyzed, 'I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.' <sup>25</sup> Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup> And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, 'We have seen strange things today!'"

>> **Highlights:** Again, claiming to be God, forgiving sins, and healing to prove the sins were forgiven.

#### Luke 5:30-32

<sup>30</sup> And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

>> **Highlights:** The Scribes and Pharisees trying to wrongly judge Jesus, and He uses the opportunity to explain that He is God looking for repentant sinners to save.

#### Luke 7:18-30

<sup>18</sup> Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. <sup>19</sup> And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" <sup>20</sup> When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup> And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered and said

to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." <sup>24</sup> When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup> But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup> But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup> This is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' <sup>28</sup> For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." <sup>29</sup> And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him."

>> **Highlights:** Here we see Jesus commending John the Baptizer and helping his disciples, and John, to see that Jesus is the Messiah. In the details, you see how many miracles and things that He did, again proving that He is God. But... one of the saddest verses ends this passage - the Scribes and Pharisees rejected the will of God for themselves, rejecting their need to repent, and hardening their hearts in sin... may we learn from that and use it to warn others not to reject repentance and the grace of God.

#### Luke 7:40-50

"<sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." <sup>41</sup> "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, "I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." <sup>44</sup> Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little." <sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.""

>> **Highlights:** Here we see Jesus speaking with a Pharisee, and whoever joined him, showing that He is God by forgiving her sins and teaching on repentance and forgiveness.

#### Luke 8:22-25

"<sup>22</sup> Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, 'Let us cross over to the other side of the lake.' And they launched out. <sup>23</sup> But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. <sup>24</sup> And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> But He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, 'Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!'"

>> **Highlights:** Again, Jesus commanding His creation to be still and calm, then rebuking His disciples and teaching them that they can and need to trust Him.

#### Luke 9:23-36

"<sup>23</sup> Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Kingdom of God.'

<sup>28</sup> Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

<sup>33</sup> Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'--not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen."

>> **Highlights:** Jesus will testify against those who reject Him as God and Messiah. Jesus transfigured - quite an amazing scene and the only time Jesus did this, and only for Peter, James and John.

#### Luke 12:8-9

<sup>8</sup> Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup> But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God."

>> **Highlights:** Who would speak "before the angels of God"? In fact, where would that be? That would be before the Throne of God, and only God can do that. Here again, Jesus is claiming to be God.

#### Luke 20:9-19

<sup>9</sup> Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. <sup>10</sup> Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.' <sup>14</sup> But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup> So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!" <sup>17</sup> Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'? <sup>18</sup> 'Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.' <sup>19</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people--for they knew He had spoken this parable against them."

>> **Highlights:** This is one of the parables Jesus told against the evil members of the Scribes and Pharisees teaching them and the people that they were about to murder the Son of God, and claiming equality with God at the same time. Their own responses show that they understood that He is saying He is God, because they want to murder Him, but can't get around the people to do it.

#### Luke 20:41-44

<sup>41</sup> And He said to them, 'How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David? <sup>42</sup> Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: "The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, <sup>43</sup> Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" <sup>44</sup> "Therefore David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?"

>> **Highlights:** One of the most amazing replies of Jesus - also found in Matthew 20:23 and Mark 12:36. Here Jesus proves from one of their common and often-taught passages about the Messiah... that they were looking for the wrong Messiah, and that He (being Jesus) equal with God, and God.

*John*



### John 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup> That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, 'This was He of whom I said, "He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me."' <sup>16</sup> And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

>> **Highlights:** The Book of John is full of Jesus' "I AM" statements and claims and proofs to be God in the flesh, as well as others testifying that Jesus is the Christ. Here is one that explains Jesus' purpose here on earth.

### John 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup> There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you Heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended to Heaven but He who came down from Heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in Heaven.

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. <sup>18</sup> He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

>> **Highlights:** This passage is so rich on the teachings about being "born again" - something that has been very watered down today. But, Jesus' words are quite clear. You also see the Triune God mentioned at least once (verse 11). You also see Jesus giving a prophecy that He is going to die on the cross. You also see Jesus' love for people and prediction/explanation of being rejected and why He is

being rejected. So much depth here. Verses 16 through 21 are some of my favorites to preach and teach and explain on the streets.

#### John 4:1-42

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), <sup>3</sup> He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> But He needed to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." ...

<sup>39</sup> And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of His own word. <sup>42</sup> Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.""

>> **Highlights:** This is a wonderful passage where we actually get to watch Jesus share the gospel with someone, in this case a woman who was an outcast and because of her s\*xually immoral lifestyle. In it, Jesus says very plainly that He is the Messiah. Many in these towns believe on Him because of what the lady said to them, and what they then heard from Jesus Himself.

#### John 5:5-47

<sup>5</sup> Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup> The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." <sup>9</sup> And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup> The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." <sup>11</sup> He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" <sup>12</sup> Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" <sup>13</sup> But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for

Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. <sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." <sup>15</sup> The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." <sup>18</sup> Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. <sup>19</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. <sup>24</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. <sup>25</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live...

<sup>26</sup> And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. <sup>27</sup> But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. <sup>28</sup> You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. <sup>29</sup> But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. <sup>30</sup> I do not receive honor from men. <sup>31</sup> But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>32</sup> I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. <sup>33</sup> How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? <sup>34</sup> Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you--Moses, in whom you trust. <sup>35</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. <sup>36</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My Words?"

>> **Highlights:** A longer passage, but one full of ways Jesus is saying He is God - including that He can grant eternal life.

## John 6:26-69

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup> Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." <sup>30</sup> Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from Heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from Heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from Heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is He who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day...

<sup>41</sup> Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" <sup>42</sup> When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said

to them, "Does this offend you?" <sup>62</sup> What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." <sup>66</sup> From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

<sup>67</sup> Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" <sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

>> **Highlights:** This is another of the "I AM" passages in John. It also shows the people rejecting Him, not because His teachings were too hard to understand, but because they didn't want to follow Him, if it was going to require them to suffer with Him. But His closest disciples replied that they knew He is God and has the Words of Eternal Life.

### John 7:18-31

<sup>18</sup> He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. <sup>19</sup> Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" <sup>20</sup> The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" <sup>21</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. <sup>22</sup> Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup> If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup> Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." <sup>25</sup> Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? <sup>26</sup> But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?" <sup>27</sup> However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup> But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me." <sup>30</sup> Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup> And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"

>> **Highlights:** Here we see one of the arguments Jesus had with the common Jewish peoples, who had been stirred up and confused/deceived by the Scribes and Pharisees. Jesus is helping them to see that He is God, proven by healing a man on the Sabbath, and what He did was right, and that He is God.

### John 8:23-26

<sup>23</sup> And He said to them, 'You are from beneath; I AM from above. You are of this world; I AM not of this world. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that AM He, you will die in your sins.' <sup>25</sup> Then they said to Him, 'Who are You?' And Jesus said to them, 'Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.'

>> **Highlights:** You can easily see here that in the English, the Name-of-God phrase, "I AM" shows up 3 times. Jesus speaking very authoritatively in warning form that they will die in their sins if they don't repent and put their trust and faith in the Messiah, also is Jesus saying He is God.

### John 8:54-59

<sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, 'If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup> Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, "I do not know Him", I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.' <sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?' <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.' <sup>59</sup> Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."



>> **Highlights:** For sure Jesus did/does know God the Father, because He and the Father and the Holy Spirit are distinctive persons/beings, but One. You can see all three of them in the baptism of Jesus, by John the baptizer. One of them is found in Matthew 3:13-17.

#### John 9:11-41

“<sup>11</sup> He answered and said, ‘A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.’ <sup>12</sup> Then they said to him, ‘Where is He?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’ <sup>13</sup> They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.’ <sup>16</sup> Therefore some of the Pharisees said, ‘This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?’ And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> They said to the blind man again, ‘What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’...”

“<sup>24</sup> So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, ‘Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.’ <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, ‘Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.’ <sup>26</sup> Then they said to him again, ‘What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?’ <sup>27</sup> He answered them, ‘I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?’ <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him and said, ‘You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. <sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from.’ <sup>30</sup> The man answered and said to them, ‘Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! <sup>31</sup> Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. <sup>32</sup> Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.’ <sup>34</sup> They answered and said to him, ‘You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?’ And they cast him out.

“<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of God?’ <sup>36</sup> He answered and said, ‘Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?’ <sup>37</sup> And Jesus said to him, ‘You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.’ <sup>38</sup> Then he said, ‘Lord, I believe!’ And he worshiped Him. <sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, ‘For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.’ <sup>40</sup> Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, ‘Are we blind also?’ <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.’”

>> **Highlights:** This is an incredible passage. Jesus did something no one else could do - even the proud Scribes and Pharisees - opening the eyes of a man born blind. This man obviously feared God, which is also why Jesus healed him. Then God let this man preach to the willfully blind religious leaders about their intentional hardness of heart in rejecting God, and trying to use their “good works” to bribe God.

#### John 10:24-30

“<sup>24</sup> Then the Jews surrounded Jesus and said to Him, ‘How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.’ <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. <sup>26</sup> But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and My Father are one.’”

>> **Highlights:** Jesus, again, speaking very authoritatively as God. Who can call out people to follow Him? Who can give them eternal life? Who can hold them in His Hand? Who can say “I and My Father are one”? Only God.

#### John 10:31-39

“<sup>31</sup> Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘Many good works I

have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?' <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered Him, saying, 'For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.' <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, 'You are gods'" ? <sup>35</sup> If He called them gods, to whom the Word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), <sup>36</sup> do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I AM the Son of God'? <sup>37</sup> If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; <sup>38</sup> but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.' <sup>39</sup> Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand."

>> **Highlights:** Here is the second part of that previous passage, and here you see them pick up stones. Other times they wanted to throw Him off a cliff, etc. Here Jesus makes it very clear - claiming to be God, claiming again to be One with His Father, and explaining that the "works" or miracles that He was doing proved that He is God. He is also rebuking them for rejecting Him as they rejected the teachings and rebukes from God through His prophets.

#### John 11:20-27

"<sup>20</sup> Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. <sup>21</sup> Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.""

>> **Highlights:** Here we see Jesus talking with one of His more faithful disciples and claiming to be "I AM" and then the source of Resurrection and eternal life. Shortly after this, He proved it by raising Lazarus from the dead - same passage, just several verses later (verse 43).

#### John 12:42-50

"<sup>42</sup> Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. <sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. <sup>45</sup> And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. <sup>46</sup> I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. <sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

>> **Highlights:** Here we see some of the response to Jesus' teaching and miracles. Then Jesus makes an even more compelling call for His hearers to repentant, again noting His close connection with the Father, because He is God and speaks what the Father wanted Him to say.

#### John 16:25-30

"<sup>25</sup> These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in My Name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; <sup>27</sup> for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. <sup>28</sup> I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.' <sup>29</sup> His disciples said to Him, 'See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.'"

>> Highlights: Here we see more of the disciples are starting to see that Jesus is God, and the coming Messiah they have been waiting for, but they still don't understand, yet, that He must die on the cross.