

# JESUS IS LIFE

**The purpose of John's Gospel:** "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

## Seven Signs of John:

1. Turning Water into Wine (John 2:1-12)
2. Cleansing the Temple (John 2:13-25)
3. Healing the Official's Son (John 4:43-54)
4. Healing a Lame Man (John 5-6:2)
5. Feeding the Multitude (John 6)
6. Healing a Blind Man (John 9)
7. Raising Lazarus (John 11-12)

Today's "Sign" introduces us to a Jesus that has **AUTHORITY** and brings **TRUTH**

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

You have an **INCOMPLETE** view of Jesus if all you see in Him is grace **OR** truth. Jesus is **FULL** of grace **AND** truth.

1. Jesus **CONFRONTS** a **PROBLEM** John 2:13-17

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

1. How do I respond to Jesus when He confronts me with truth and tells me when things are out of order and out of alignment with His will for my life?
2. As a follower of Jesus am I willing to make a stand for the truth when I see injustice and unrighteousness? As a follower of Jesus do I offer grace showing a road towards repentance and acceptance when behavior changes?

## 2. Jesus CLAIMS divine AUTHORITY John 2:18-22

Jesus gives two claims to His authority:

- 1) "My Father's house..."- Claim to divine authority
- 2) Resurrection- Claim to divine power

### QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

- 1) How do you treat the "temple" of God?
- 2) Do you believe that Jesus actually conquered death and was resurrected?

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."C.S. Lewis

## 3. Jesus CALLS OUT a PEOPLE John 2:23-25

"Many BELIEVED..."- This is not the kind of belief stated in John 3:16 that saves and brings eternal life. This is a belief that is temporary and based on Jesus performing for us.

"MANY believed..."- A borrowed faith in not a saving faith. Though many may truly believe in and follow Jesus, it is an individual decision to put one's belief in His death, burial, and resurrection that saves.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

1. Are you only willing to follow Jesus when His will and desires for your life align with your own will and desires for your life?
2. Are you staking your eternity on borrowed faith or personal faith?

"God is love" 1 John 4:8- The most profound and deepest love can only be one that is full of GRACE and TRUTH

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