

Day 1: Above Every Other Voice

Devotional

We live in a world full of voices. Podcasts, opinions, trending takes, and well-meaning advice come at us constantly. It can be tempting to treat Jesus as just another voice in the mix, one perspective among many. But that is not who He is. John the Baptist makes something clear in John 3:31. Jesus does not simply get a seat at the table. He is above all. Every human voice, no matter how wise or experienced, speaks from a limited, earthly perspective. Jesus speaks from above. That changes everything. This is actually good news. You do not have to sort through an endless pile of competing opinions and figure out which one is right. Jesus is the standard. When His words conflict with what culture says, what your feelings say, or even what you have always assumed to be true, He gets the final word. Not because He is demanding, but because He is trustworthy. Think about the people in your life you trust most. You listen to them not because they force you to, but because they have proven themselves. Jesus has done far more than that. He came down from above, not to dominate, but to save. His authority is wrapped in love. So when you hear His voice today, through Scripture, through prayer, through the quiet nudge of the Spirit, do not rush past it. He is not one voice among many. He is above all. And that means He is worth listening to.

Bible Verse

"He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all." - John 3:31 (English Standard Version (ESV))

Reflection Question

In what areas of your life are you treating Jesus as one voice among many rather than the voice above all?

Quote

"Jesus isn't one voice in the human conversation about God. That's not Jesus' place. I think this is where we get ourselves into trouble, because we often want Jesus to be among all. We want his voice to be one voice among many. And John is telling us that is not Jesus' place. He is above all."

Prayer

Jesus, forgive me for the times I have placed Your voice alongside others instead of above them. Help me to listen to You first, trust You fully, and follow You faithfully. Amen.

Day 2: Who Gets the Final Word?

Devotional

Most of us would never say out loud that Jesus is wrong. But if we are honest, there are quieter ways we get there. We look for loopholes. We tell ourselves God understands our situation. We acknowledge what Scripture says and then quietly add our own exception. It is worth asking yourself a simple but uncomfortable question: when Jesus and I disagree, who gets corrected? John 3:32 tells us that Jesus speaks of what He has seen and heard, yet no one receives His testimony. That was true then, and it is still true in subtle ways today. Unbelief is not always a loud rejection. Sometimes it looks like selective obedience. Sometimes it looks like belief that only agrees with Jesus when it is convenient. But here is the encouraging part. Jesus is not waiting for you to be perfect before He speaks into your life. He is patient. He is kind. And His words, even the hard ones, are meant to lead you somewhere better than where you are right now. Wrestling with a difficult passage is not the same as explaining it away. Honest struggle is part of faith. What matters is whether you are willing to let Jesus have the final word, even when it costs you something. That willingness is where real trust begins.

Bible Verse

"He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony." - John 3:32 (English Standard Version (ESV))

Reflection Question

Is there an area of your life where you have been quietly editing what Jesus says to fit what you want?

Quote

"One of the most important questions you can ask yourself is this. When Jesus and I disagree, who gets corrected?"

Prayer

Lord, show me where I have been holding onto my own version of Your truth. Give me the courage to let Your Word have the final say, even when it is hard. Amen.

Day 3: Faith That Actually Trusts

Devotional

There is a version of faith that looks real but never lets Jesus challenge anything. It agrees with Him when it is easy and quietly steps aside when it is not. But that is not the faith John describes. Real faith says Jesus is the standard by which everything else gets evaluated. Including me. Including my preferences, my assumptions, and the things I have believed for years without questioning. That kind of faith is not passive. It is actually one of the bravest things a person can do. It means coming to Jesus and saying, "I do not understand this. I would not have chosen this. I do not even like this right now. But I know You, and I know You are true." That is trust. And trust is what John 3:33 is pointing to when it says that whoever receives Jesus' testimony has set their seal to this: God is true. You are not signing off on a theology you fully understand. You are placing your confidence in a Person you have come to know. That is a completely different thing. If you are in a season where following Jesus feels costly or confusing, take heart. Honest trust in the middle of difficulty is not weak faith. It is exactly the kind of faith that grows deep roots. Jesus is not asking you to have all the answers. He is asking you to trust the One who does.

Bible Verse

"Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true." - John 3:33 (English Standard Version (ESV))

Reflection Question

What would it look like for you to trust Jesus in an area where you do not yet understand His way?

Quote

"Jesus, I don't understand this. I wouldn't have chosen this. I don't know why you're allowing this. I don't know why your way is better. And if I'm being truthful right now, I don't even like this. It doesn't seem fair. But I know you and I know you are true. That's trust."

Prayer

Jesus, I want a faith that actually trusts You, not just when it is easy, but when it is hard and confusing. Anchor my heart in Your truth today. Amen.

Day 4: You Can Let Go Now

Devotional

So many of us are exhausted. Not just physically, but in a deeper way. We carry the weight of trying to hold things together that were never ours to hold in the first place. John 3:35 says the Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. All things. Not most things. Not the things that seem manageable. Everything. That means the situation you cannot stop thinking about is already in His hands. The relationship you are trying to fix is already in His hands. The future you are anxious about is already in His hands. You were never meant to carry all of that. And the fact that you have been trying to is probably part of why you are so tired. The supremacy of Jesus is not just a theological statement. It is an invitation to rest. You do not have to be above all because He is. You do not have to know everything because He does. You do not have to control everything because it is already held by Someone far more capable than you. And here is what makes this safe: these are not the hands of a distant ruler. They are the hands that were pierced for you. The One holding everything gave everything for you. You can trust Him with what you have been gripping so tightly. Let go. He has it.

Bible Verse

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand." - John 3:35 (English Standard Version (ESV))

Reflection Question

What are you still trying to control that you need to place into Jesus' hands today?

Quote

"The supremacy of Jesus doesn't only put me in my place, it lets me rest in my place. I don't have to be above all because Jesus is. I don't have to know everything because Jesus does. I don't have to control everything. All things are already in his hands."

Prayer

Father, thank You that You did not leave all things in my hands. Help me to release what I have been holding too tightly and rest in the truth that Jesus holds it all. Amen.

Day 5: Life Is Found in Him

Devotional

After four days of sitting with who Jesus is and what it means to trust Him, we arrive at the simplest and most important truth of all. Life is found in Him. John 3:36 does not complicate it. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. The invitation is not to clean yourself up first. It is not to become more religious or try harder. It is simply to come to the Son. Believe Him. Receive Him. Trust Him. This is where everything we have been building toward lands. Jesus is above all, which means He is trustworthy. He has the final word, which means His word on your life is good. All things are in His hands, which means you are safe there. And now, the same One who is above all came down for you. He went into the death your sin deserved so that you could receive life. Salvation does not begin with you getting it together. It begins in the loving heart of the Father, who sent the Son He loves. That love is what drove Jesus to the cross. And that same love is what welcomes you today. Wherever you are in your journey, the door is open. Come to the Son. He is above all, and He came down for you. That is the gospel. And it is the best news you will ever hear.

Bible Verse

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on Him." - John 3:36 (English Standard Version (ESV))

Reflection Question

Have you truly received Jesus, not just agreed with facts about Him, but trusted Him with your whole life?

Quote

"The invitation of John 3:36, it isn't clean yourself up. It's not become more religious or try harder or do better. The invitation is come to the Son. Believe him, receive him, trust him. Life is found in him."

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for coming down for me. I receive You not just as a teacher or advisor, but as Lord. My life is Yours. Amen.