

So That You May Be Saved

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❖ Introduction

- **My longing for You to Hear... It is important to:**
 - Revere the Word of God
 - And Listen intently to know if God is speaking to you...
- **These Are the Words of Jesus...**
 - They stand out ... He continues to speak to us even today...
- **So that you may be saved.... VS 34**
 - What is the reason John writes this books?
 - **John 20:31 ³¹but 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.**
 - **Don’t You Want to Be Saved Today....?**
 - It can Happen Today.... I am going to Invite You Today... To Be Saved....
 - ◆ To Stand before Everyone... And Boldly Say... I want to Follow Jesus...
 - ◆ I Want to Give Him My Life
 - ◆ I Want to Have Eternal Life Starting Today....
 - **Aren’t you tired of not knowing?**
 - Aren’t you tired of wondering what will happen to you if you didn’t make it until tomorrow...
 - Don’t you ever wonder or think: There should be much more to this life....

❖ Background

- Jesus Purposely Healing the Lame Man on the Sabbath Day
- The Jewish People and their Pride in their Nation and Religion
 - Their love for the Law of Moses...

❖ The Story

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❖ Behind the Scenes

- **1) Jesus Heals the Lame Man on the Sabbath:**
 - 1) To Start a Conversation
 - 2) To Draw Attention to the Nature of Who He is
- **2) Jesus is Doing All of This So Men May Be Saved**
 - And Why.... Because He loves man Greatly...
 - He came from Heaven to Earth to be killed to prove it...
 - but I say these things so that you may be saved.
- **3) Jesus Knows They Do Not Believe**
 - **The Devout Scripture Reading Jewish Folks Didn't Recognize Him**
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 - ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"
 - **Wow... What an indictment on these people...**
 - They had set their whole identity in the law of Moses...
 - ◆ And Jesus comes along and says... You do not even believe it
 - **Jesus says... "You don't even believe what You say you believe"**

- These guys had been in the Scriptures their whole life...
 - But they never saw what was in their...
 - And WHY? We will see in just a minute...
- **4) Jesus Comes to The Courtroom with Proof (He Wants Them To Believe Him)**
- **Jesus was not even going to use His own Testimony**
 - He doesn't need man's testimony...
 - **He brings 4 Witnesses to the Courtroom**
 - 1) John the Baptist
 - ◆ Even though He doesn't need this testimony... He is going to use the testimony of man...
 - ◆ So that men will believe...
 - 2) His Works (Miracles and Abilities)
 - 3) The Father
 - 4) Writings of Moses
- **5) Jesus Knows That As Long As They Seek Glory From Each Other They will Never Seek God's Glory**
- Why didn't they Believe what they said they Believe
 - Here is the answer: **They wanted Glory from Each other...**
 - **Example:**
 - ◆ Hello Jacob... How are You Today...
 - Oh... I am blessed by God today Levi... I memorized Leviticus this today...
 - ◆ **Levi:** Oh... that is great, I finished Leviticus last spring and I finished Numbers today...
 - ◆ **Jacob:** Wow... That is really impressive...
 - ◆ **Levi:** Thanks so much... I got every number memorized....
 - ◆ **Jacob:** Levi, why do you seem so sad...
 - ◆ **Levi:** Well, I have been fasting for 2 weeks now... I really should not admit it...
 - ◆ **Jacob:** Fasting For What
 - ◆ **Levi:** **For the coming of the Messiah...**
 - ◆ **Jacob:** Yes.... Good.... Heard about this Jesus guy...
 - ◆ **Levi:** Yes... And what a mockery to God He is.... Going around claiming to be equal with Yahweh... I am going to oppose Him in the name of Yahweh...
 - ◆ **Jacob:** Thank the Lord for You Levi, for being such a courageous and bold Man...
 - **They Wanted to Impress each other: And For People to notice**
- **6) Jesus Knew They had Set Their Hope Wrongly**
- **There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.** ⁴⁶ **For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.** ⁴⁷ **But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"**
 - **They set their Hope in the Law...**
 - So much so that when the Lawgiver came... They were so caught up in the outward
 - That they missed who the Law pointed to...
 - And this was grievous to Jesus...
- **7) Jesus Wants Them to Believe Him and Gain Life**
- ⁴⁰ **yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.**
 - **Jesus does all of this... So that these people will be confronted with who He Is...**
 - Jesus wants them to come to Him and gain life...
 - He has a heart for them... He longs for them... He weeps for them...
 - **Matthew 23:37** ³⁷ **"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!**

❖ Transformation

➤ How are you transformed?

- How do you take what Jesus is saying to this Jewish audience and make true Rom 12:2
 - Romans 12:2 ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

➤ 1) Realize Your Dependency on God.

- Jesus did.... Jesus the Son of God... Through whom all things were created.... The Radiance of the glory of God, the One who holds all things together by the Word of His Power...
 - This same Jesus says... ³⁰ "I can do nothing on my own.
 - We are called to be Like Christ... we should be like him saying... ³⁰ "I can do nothing on my own.
- **It is Time some of us came to this realization...**
 - We are not strong independent people that have great abilities to do mighty things...
 - We are dependent on God for everything we do...
- **We need to know:**
 - The gifting that God has gifted us with... are from Him... They are not ours...
 - God has gifted us, not to use our gifts for only our own personal gain,
 - Rather... for the building up of His Kingdom...
- **We should use the giftings of God:**
 - To bring people together, To serve People, To encourage People, To Lead them To Jesus

➤ 2) Seek the Will of God in All Things

- **Jesus only went about doing things that were the will of God**
 - because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.
- **Do we live like this.... Do we ask God what His will is in our lives?**
 - Do we pray... God, should I speak to this person
 - How should I respond to this situation
 - How Lord should I use my money and possessions
 - How should I use my time today
 - How should I treat my wife today Lord
 - How should I respond to my husband...
 - Youth and Children: How should I react with my parents that are constantly breathing down my neck
 - How should I act when hanging out with my friends at school...
- **By doing the will of God... Jesus got Murdered...**
 - It would seem that worldly thinking people are not too fond of His doing the will of God...
 - And for many of you, you will come to a crossroads...
 - And doing the will of God may alienate you
 - Or cause you to spend many weekend nights by yourself...
- **When I was in High School God got a hold of me pretty good before my Junior Year...**
 - And because of His grace, and nothing good of my own...
 - He led me to follow His will in a lot of things...
 - Now, this meant me breaking away from some of the things my friends were doing...
 - **This was very difficult... Because it meant, that while they were out having a good time**
 - ◆ And drinking and hanging out with a bunch of girls
 - ◆ I was at home on the weekend... (Not locked in my room)
 - **I could not participate in many of these things because I had to seek the Will of God,**

- ◆ Not my own...
- ◆ So I had to find other things to do that did not dishonor God...
- ◆ And my friends knew, that if they were going to hang out with me... The drinking and the partying and the crude jokes and language couldn't be a part of it...
- **Sometimes You Just Have to Make a Stand**
 - You will find that if you follow the path everyone else is on... Outside of the will of God
 - ◆ It will all one day lead to heartbreak
- **3) Set Your Hope In Jesus, not something else...**
 - They set their Hope in Moses... But Missed who Moses Set His Hope in
 - **What is your Hope in**
 - ◆ Is it in coming to Church...
 - ◆ Knowing some good Christians
 - ◆ Is it because your parents were good people...
 - ◆ Is it because you have had such a hard life that you think God will overlook your sin
 - ◆ Is it in a false belief that everyone will eventually get to heaven
 - ◆ Is it in a false profession of faith and baptism
 - **If Your Hope is Not In Jesus Alone:**
 - ◆ By Your Trusting in Him Alone for Salvation And Repenting Truly of Your sins...
 - ◆ Your Hope is set in the wrong thing...
 - **If you have not Trusted in Jesus by Following Him....**
 - ◆ Then you are just like those who set their hope in what Moses wrote...
 - ◆ You are hoping in the Jesus you believe in...
 - ◆ But you have never followed Him...
 - You will find that in the day of judgment, that Jesus will execute judgment against you...
 - ◆ Vs 30.... **As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.**
- **4) Believe the Proof Jesus Gives**
 - Jesus goes out of His way to offer proof...
 - **He does not ask us to have a blind Faith**
 - **1) In that day He used a man by the name of John the Baptists as His first Witness...**
 - ◆ This man was well respected as a prophet in His day...
 - ◆ He did end up being beheaded by an idiot king...
 - ◆ But the people love John the Baptist
 - ◆ Today, God uses millions of His men and women to bear testimony/witness
 - That Jesus is who He says He is...
 - ◆ The Question: Will you believe their story, their testimony that God supernaturally changed them?
 - Will You be someone who tells their story?
 - **2) He Used His Miracles as proof**
 - ◆ And they have been recorded, and no one in His day said He didn't do them...
 - ◆ Those who hated Him most admitted He did the miracles...
 - They just said He must be doing these things with the help of the devil...
 - And we are smart enough to know, that you do not go around helping people in the name of God, and leading them out of sin...
 - If you are working with the devil...
 - ◆ Look and Study His works... and believe that only God could do such a thing...
 - Only God can manipulate the natural laws of the universe...

➤ And believe...

● **3) The Father Through The Scriptures**

- ◆ Believe the things the Father has Spoken of His Son...
- ◆ Believe the Words that Have been recorded about the Son...
- ◆ Believe the hundreds of prophecies that were recorded some even 4,000 years before He came to the earth...

➤ **5) Be like Jesus in Your Desire to See Others Gain Life**

- In vs. 34 Jesus says... **“ I say these things so that you may be saved”**
- In vs. 40 Jesus says... **“ Yet, you refuse to come to me that you may have life”**
- **Jesus did everything He did so that those He encountered would have eternal Life.**
 - He went out of His way to seek out the Woman at the Well
 - He used her testimony to speak to the whole town in Sychar where many believed
 - He healed the lame man on the Sabbath day, so people would believe on Him
- **Jesus is Very Intentional**
 - **We should be intentional...**
 - ◆ We should intentionally do things with people so they see the love of Christ in Us
 - ◆ We should intentionally live and react in a way that shows people God lives within
 - ◆ We should intentionally lead conversations toward Life, Death and Jesus
 - ◆ We should intentionally prepare ourselves to give and account of what we believe
 - ◆ We should intentionally love those we are reaching out to...
 - We should not see them as enemies... We should see them as the precious sheep of God
 - That He is longing to bring into his fold...
 - Remember... Sinners Sin! They do not have the Spirit of God in them to help them.
 - They are better off than the Judgmental Church Goer that lives just as bad

➤ **6) Do not Seek the Glory of Men, and Miss Out on the Glory of God**

- If you are seeking the glory of man... There is no Faith....
 - **Romans 4:20²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,**
 - **As He gave glory to God... His faith grew strong....**
 - ◆ The more you seek the glory of God in your life, regardless of what it makes you look like...
 - ◆ The more you have faith
 - **The more concerned you are with gaining glory from men...**
 - ◆ It proves you lack Faith in God....
 - ◆ And without Faith... You can not please God... It is impossible

➤ **7) Rejoice and Exalt Daily in the Truths of Who Jesus is and What that Means to You**

❖ **Invitation**

- Come to this altar and pray for others
- Come and repent as a Christian this Morning
- Come and beg God to save you and wash over your sins..