



Messages from the

Gospel OF JOHN

Aug-Oct Major Series

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Out of christology (v16-47)

**Who are we? What is our delight? Who is our family?
What are our values? What is worth sacrificing for?**

Am I enough? Am I more than the sum of my efforts?

What life are we choosing to live? Or are we just living?

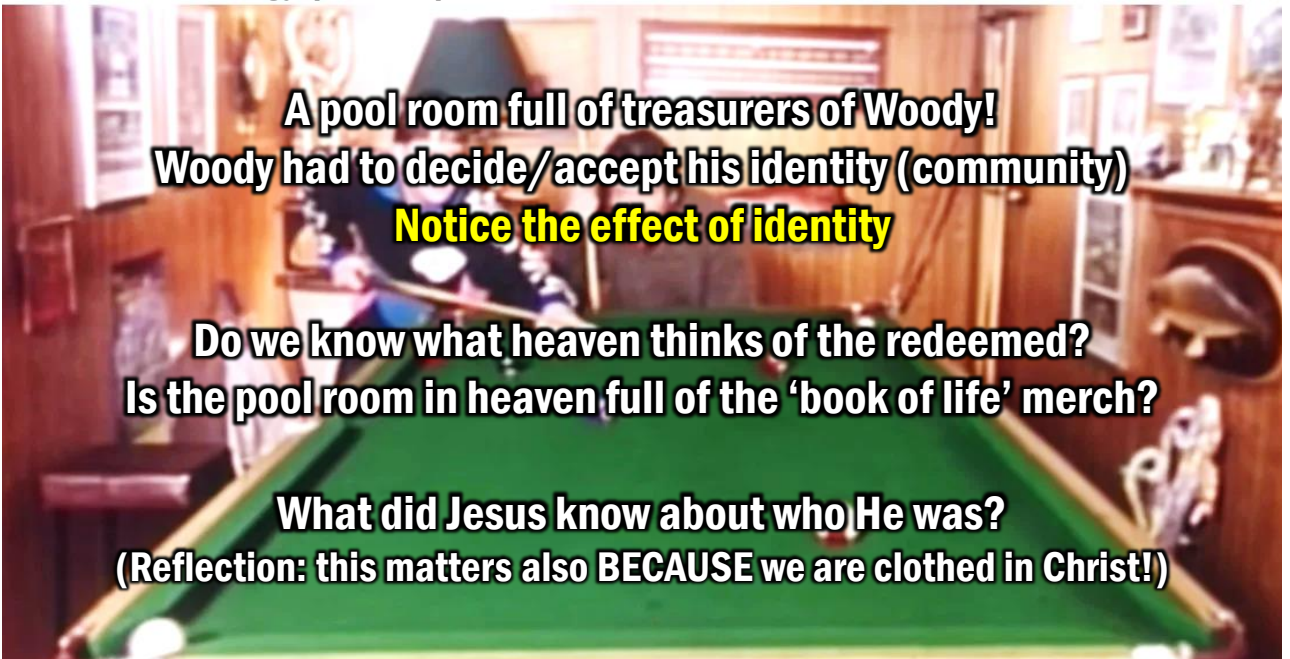
Do we know who we are?

How did know who he was effect **“Wood-dee....”**





Out of christology (v16-47)



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Christology:

- is concerned with the **nature and work of Jesus**
- is the study of the person and work of Jesus Christ
- is the study of Jesus, His life, ministry, and relation to the Trinity and humanity
- studies Jesus Christ's humanity and divinity, and the relation between these two attributes
- is primarily concerned with the **identity of Jesus**

Out of christology (v16-47) – What did Jesus say about himself?

“I AM” (Exodus 3:14; 4:26; 6:20; 13:19).

God had revealed Himself to Moses with a resounding

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

“I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7, 9)

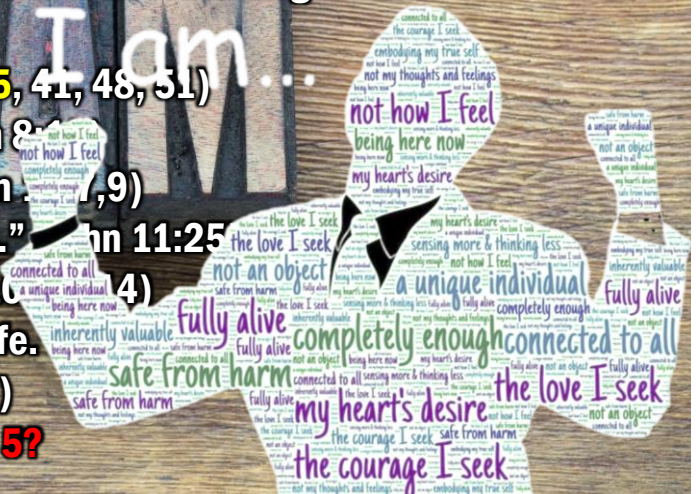
“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14)

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

“I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5)

What about John 5?



Out of christology (v16-47)

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” (John 5:17)

(‘My Father’ in the special sense of **partaking in the same nature** as His Father - equality.)(L.Morris)

(Nature=Action=Calling=I AM)

Out of christology (v16-47)

So, because Jesus was **doing** these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

v16

For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; he was even **calling** God his **own Father**, making himself equal with God.

v18

(Jeremiah 17:21)(‘burden’)(tyranny)
‘law breaker’ & ‘equality’

Out of christology (v16-47)

- v16-18 - Lord of the Sabbath, like God, like His Father (equality)(son of God)**
- v19 - knows and does the will of His Father (knowledge of God)**
- v20 - equality of knowledge...of love (identity in the love of God)**
- v21 - the authority and power over life, resurrection life (authority over death)**
- v22 - judge over creation (authority over live)**
- v23 - shared honour due to the Father, authority of honour (honour of God)**
- v24-25 - sent by, believe in - 'now' (fulfilment-messiah)**
- v26 - life, substance of life, Father and Son (identity of substance)**
- v27 - authority to judge (son of Man)(can redeem)**
- v28-30 - judge, power over death, giver of eternal life**

Out of christology (v16-47)

- v31-35 - confirmed by John the Baptist, the light bearer - Jesus is the light**
- v36 - His 'works' are of divine origins**
- v37-40 - Moses points to Jesus as completing the work of the Law**
- v41-42 - Knowledge of the heart (nb.Jer17:9)**
- v43-44 - My Fathers name, the glory of my Father**
- v45-47 - Moses wrote about Jesus, for Jesus...(if you believe Moses)**

Out of christology (v16-47)

IDENTITY<>AUTHORITY<>WORK/RESULTS

Very truly (verily verily)(amen) (w:3/7/25)

I tell you:

1/ the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

2/ whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

3/ a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

(fine line of v39-40)

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“You study the Bible,” Jesus continued, “because you suppose that you’ll discover the life of God’s coming age in it. In fact, it’s the Bible which gives evidence about me! But you won’t come to me so that you can have life.

Religion vs Christ <> Works vs Grace
 an object of worship rather than a mode/place of worship
 God is not seeking workers, He desires worshippers
 (christians who work is not automatically worship)

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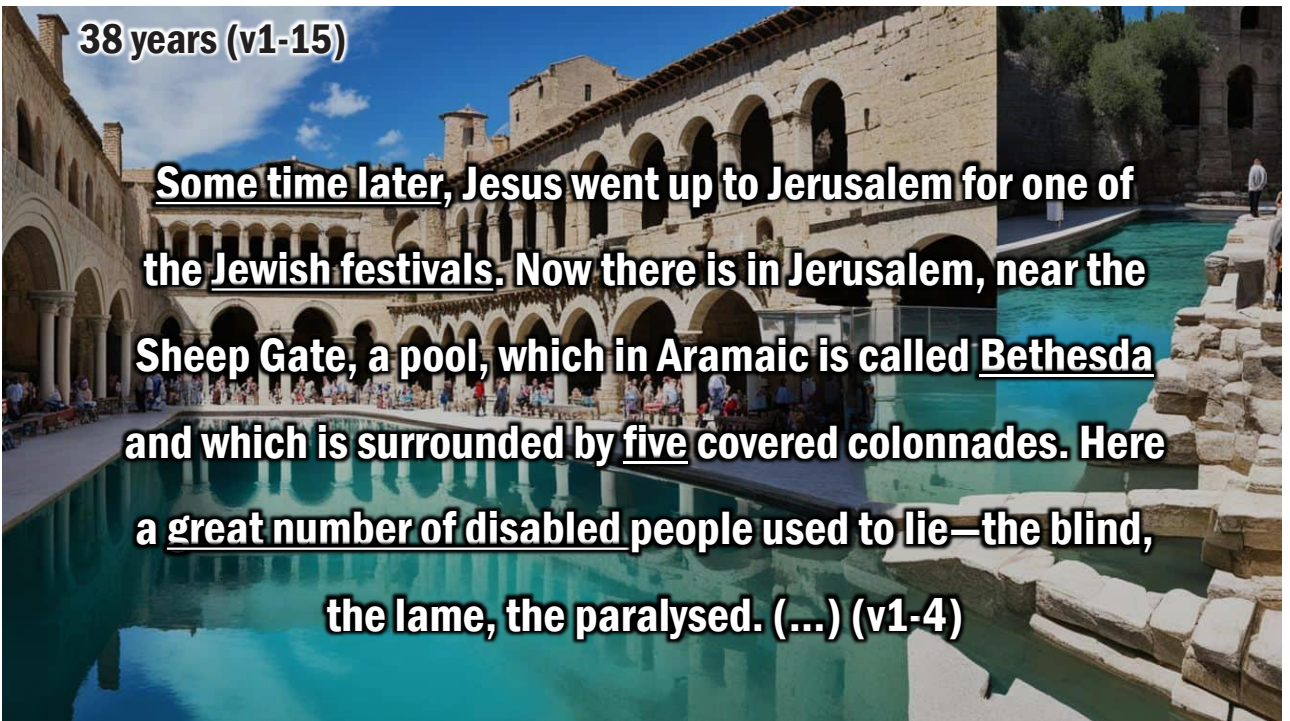
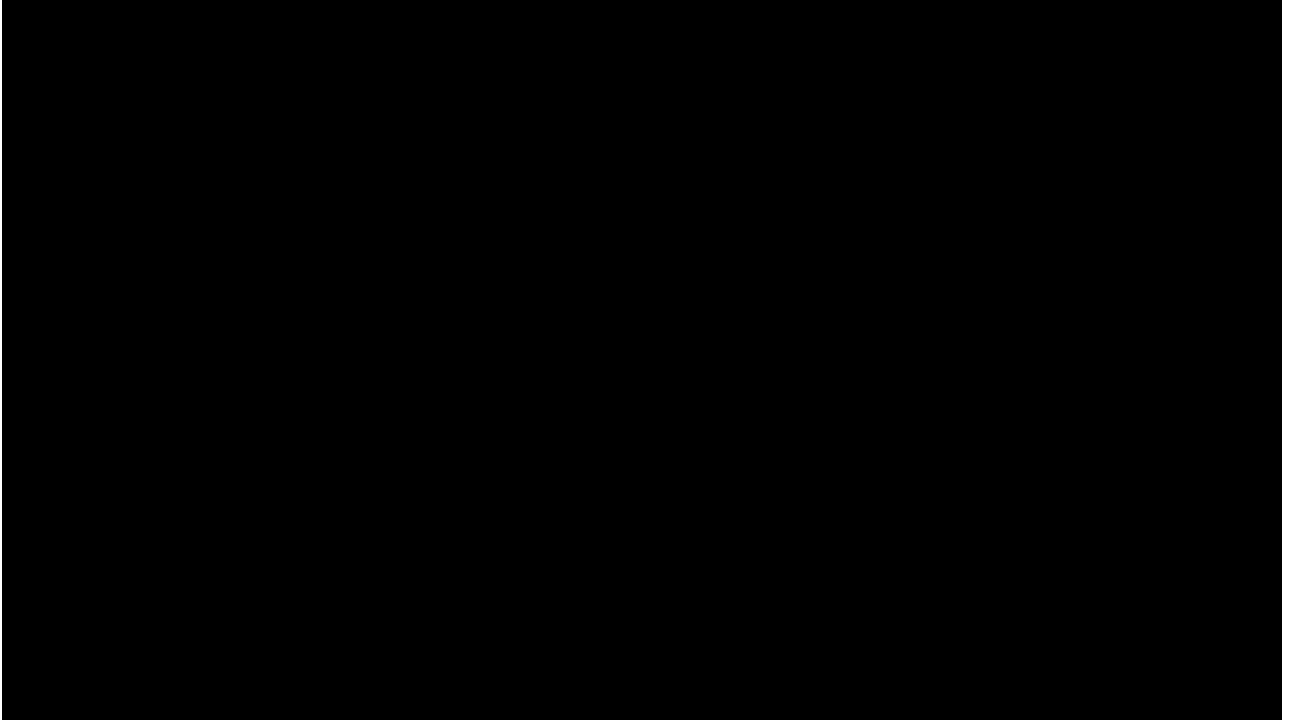
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Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold. “Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. **Wherever I cause my name to be honoured, I will come to you and bless you. If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.’ (Ex20:23-26)**

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- 3/ Work it out (v39-40)
- 4/ **38 years (v1-15) (Watch)**



38 years (v1-15)

Eliashib the **high priest** and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel.

(Neh 3:1) (Jn1:29)

38 years (v1-15)

There was a man who had been there, in the same sick state, for **thirty-eight years**. Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been there a long time already. “Do you want to get well?” he asked him. “Well, sir,” the sick man replied, “I don’t have anyone to put me into the pool when the water gets stirred up. While I’m on my way there, someone else gets down before me.”

(Jn 5:5-7)

(faith, confidence, mercy, grace) (do it myself?)

38 years (v1-15)

John 5:5 One man was there who had been an invalid for **thirty-eight years.**

Deut 2:14 And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was **thirty-eight years, until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the Lord had sworn to them.**

38 years (v1-15)

See, the Lord your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Then all of you came to me and said, “Let us send men ahead to spy out the land for us and bring back a report about the route we are to take and the towns we will come to.” (Deut 1:21-22)

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38 years (v1-15)

But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. You grumbled in your tents and said, “The Lord hates us; so he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us. Where can we go? Our brothers have made our hearts melt in fear. They say, ‘The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.’”

(Deut 1:26-31)

(faith, confidence, mercy, grace) (do it myself?)

38 years (v1-15)

“We have sinned against the Lord. We will go up and fight, as the Lord our God commanded us.” So every one of you put on his weapons, thinking it easy to go up into the hill country. But the Lord said to me, “Tell them, ‘Do not go up and fight, because I will not be with you. You will be defeated by your enemies.’”

You rebelled against the Lord’s command and in your arrogance you marched up into the hill country. The Amorites who lived in those hills came out against you; they chased you like a swarm of bees and beat you down... (Deut 1:41-44)

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(faith, confidence, mercy, grace) (believe?)

38 years (v1-15)

‘the burden of the mat’

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(comfort)(home)(testimony)(remember)

38 years (v1-15)

But the man who'd been healed didn't know who it was. Jesus had gone away, and the place was crowded. After this Jesus found the man in the Temple. "Look!" he said. "You're better again! Don't sin anymore, or something worse might happen to you!"

(John 5:13-14)

(faith, confidence, mercy, grace) (believe) (obey/follow)

How can we believe and obey? Rather than 38 years?

38 years or believe - which burden do we choose?

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Hebrews 11:39-40

Jesus asks "Do you want to get well?"

The response is "Well, sir, I don't have..."

Our response needs to be such that is commendable for faith

believe

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Let us **hold firmly to the faith** we profess...Let us then approach
God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb 4:14-16)