

'The Son of God and the Lord of Glory Series'

Sermons in the Gospel of John

Message 14 - 'Come and See' John 1: 30 - 39



In the verses here we see a shift from the testimony of John the Baptist to an unreserved focus on the Lord Jesus Christ and His earthly ministry. John in his witness made it clear that he is not the Light. Christ is the only true light who can deal with the problems that people face, and their greatest problem which is their sin that separates them from God. John makes sure that his witness is full of the true Light, he exalts and magnifies Jesus Christ, pointing to Him. John has a passion and desire that those who he is witnessing to might indeed believe in Christ. We can see that God used and blessed his faithful proclamation to point others to Jesus. The following points can be highlighted:

The Unchanging Message (v30 - 34) - John reinforced fundamentals of the Gospel's message once again. He reiterates that he is subordinate to Jesus Christ, for Jesus is the eternal Word who had become a man. John had been created, but Jesus ever was, and had entered into the world. He was not the created but the Creator. John also underlines that he did not recognise the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah until it was revealed to Him. God is still working in this day and age revealing the reality of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the World to men and women. Once again we see that the overriding theme of John's Gospel is presented to us conclusively that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and the Lord of Glory, and this was John the Baptist's testimony. In the testimony of John the Baptist, there is the proclamation that the Messiah has come, He is here, and not only has the Messiah come, but it is Jesus, and all men need to recognise Him for who He is - the Son of God, the Messiah, and the ultimate sacrificial Lamb for the sin of the world.

The Unstoppable Message (v35 -37) - John continues to faithfully proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ in a variety of situations. It is not always the grand gospel declarations that God uses, sometimes it is the faithful words spoken in private conversations between individuals. Standing - They were stood in a place where they were able to hear and converse about the things of God. There was something in them that hungered for the truth and so they placed themselves in a position where that hunger could be fed. A person must stand where the Word, Christ Himself is preached, or spoken of. What will compel a person to stand and to consider, it will be an inner hunger that drives him to seek, God working in His life, as illustrated by the Saviour's question later in the verses. Are you hungry for something to satisfy your soul, your inner longing? Hearing - Not only did they stand, but they also heard. They heard John's words, they were listening to the message, and such was their hunger, that they were concentrated and focused on what was being said. The significance of the message is not to be missed, it is the message of the Messiah's sacrificial death, the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Following - In response to the message, they followed Jesus. They wanted to know Him, to find the Truth in Him, and to become His followers.

The Unmissable Invitation - God is clearly at work in the lives of these men, but we see something greatly illustrated here in these verses that show one of the paradoxes of the Scriptures. The paradox that is seen here is clearly defined in salvation. The Bible teaches that salvation is a divine act that demands a human response, and they must ever be kept in balance. Jesus invites them to Himself. Notice, Jesus turned to face them. He turns to them what compassion He shows, His open arms, His willingness to meet them, and for them to join Him. Jesus asks, 'What do you seek?' He looked into the very depths of their heart, their most inmost longings and desires, and even in this question, lies the hidden promise that Jesus is the highest treasure we can ever seek, and on those who seek Him, He bestows His eternal riches. They wanted Him to meet their need, and satisfy the longing of their hearts, and in Christ they would find the abundance that they craved. Jesus extends the Unmissable invitation to them both, 'come and see'. He knew their hearts, He knew that they were sincerely seeking after Him, that a work was taking place in their lives, that they were convicted of their sin. The honest seeker will always find the Saviour. Jesus will never turn away the sincere, Spirit prompted seeker.



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