

## Amazing Lord

John 5:19-30

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### Intro

In John chapter five, Jesus made some amazing claims about himself. Some marveled and tried to understand what it meant for their lives, while still others scoffed and looked for ways to plot against Him.

We will look at these claims in detail and also marvel; but more importantly, we also need to understand the significance of these claims in our own lives.

The context of these claims is the healing of the man who had been helpless for 38 years and sat by the pool at Bethesda waiting for someone to touch his helplessness.

*These verses will give us insight into the amazing claims of the Lord Jesus and help us to understand how they apply to us personally.*

### **I. He is the Source of Life**

#### A. Doing nothing of Himself

- Jesus made it clear that he is not self-sufficient, but looks to His Father.
- Verse 19 – “the Son can do nothing of Himself.”
- To be self-sufficient is a character quality that many desire today. If you are ruggedly

independent and are your own boss you are the envy of many.

**Illus – I have heard it said by certain non-believers that Christianity is just a crutch for those who are weak.**

**However, not only can it be said that some of the greatest, most powerful, most intellectual people are believers in Jesus Christ, but we must see that Jesus Himself was not self-sufficient.**

- In fact, you can climb to the top of whatever heap you desire and find that you are of no use to God whatsoever.

**John 8:29-30, “The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.**

#### B. He does what God wants done

- This is the formula for the release of God’s power in our lives.
- In verse 19 Jesus said that He looks to the Father what He does.
- Many people desire to see a release of God’s power in their lives, but do not understand that they seek it for wrong reasons.

**James 4:3-4, “You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives.... do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?”**

**2 Corinthians 3:4-5, “Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.”**

C. Speaking with words of power

- Jesus spoke what God wanted said.

**John 14:10, “The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.”**

- Words have power. Words can change your life.

**Illus – This is an election year and we hear a non-stop barrage of words coming from many sources, but it’s clear that words often are said that people want to hear. These words lack power.**

- We must be very careful about the words we speak and be sure they are the words the Lord wants said.

**Proverbs 25:11, “Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances.”**

- Words rightly spoken...

**Illus- words are like sails. Without the wind they are nothing, but filled with the Holy Spirit, they can change lives.**

**II. He is the Judge of All the World**

A. All are headed for a meeting with Jesus

- All judgment has been granted to Jesus. (vs 22)
- The most important question you’ll ever answer is, “How did you respond to Jesus?”
- This is the only way to receive God’s approval. God has granted that this is the basis of judgment.

**John 3:18-19, “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.”**

- Therefore, shouldn’t we get right with the Lord now and enjoy our relationship with Him?

**Philippians 2:12-13 “So then, my beloved... work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”**

B. Let Him be the judge

- One of the greatest difficulties we face in life is that we so often don’t want to let the Lord be the judge.
- Our own opinion is often more important than God’s.

**1 Corinthians 4:3-4 “I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.”**

--We often find ourselves judging others as well and not trusting the Lord to judge correctly.

**1 Corinthians 4:5, “Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts.”**

**III. The Dead Shall Hear His Voice**

A. Those who hear shall live

- This is an explanation of the words in **verse 24**.
- Those who believe have passed from death into life.
- He gives us life to us in our relationship to God and that life then touches all areas of our lives.
- The relationship you have with God will determine the quality of life you have in all areas of your life.

**Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”**

**Nehemiah 8:1-10      The joy of the Lord is our strength.**

B. All cemeteries will be emptied

- Verse 28. All in the tombs will hear His voice
- Not only does He give life now, but our hope is for eternal life.

**Illus – Certain Muslims teach that to die a martyr’s death bring certain rewards in paradise that appeal to their fleshly desires.**

**I would rather have Jesus and all the promises of heaven.**

**Philippians 3:20-21, “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”**

A. W. Tozer:

The teaching of the New Testament is that now, at this very moment, there is a Man in heaven appearing in the presence of God for us. He is as certainly a man as was Adam or Moses or Paul; he is a man glorified, but his glorification did not de-humanize him. Today he is a real man, of the race of mankind, bearing our lineaments and dimensions, a visible and audible man, whom any other man would recognize instantly as one of us.

But more than this, he is the heir of all things, Lord of all lords, head of the church, firstborn of the new creation. He is the way to God, the life of the believer, the hope of Israel, and the high priest of every true worshiper. He holds the keys of death and hell, and stands as advocate and surety for everyone who believes on him in truth. Salvation comes not by accepting the finished work, or deciding for Christ; it comes by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, the whole, living, victorious Lord who, as God and man, fought our fight and won it, accepted our debt as his own and paid it, took our sins

and died under them, and rose again to set us free. This is the true Christ; nothing less will do.

## Conclusion

**If there is any deadness now in your soul, may you hear the voice of the Lord offering you life first to your heart and then to every area of your life.**