

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 5:25-47

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Jesus is the Meaning of Life”**

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

**John 1:12**

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

***Life, Resurrection, Judgment, Hope***

**John 5:25-30**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. **26** "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, **27** "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. **28** "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice **29** "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation **30** "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

**John 5:31-38**

"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. **32** "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. **33** "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. **34** "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. **35** "He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. **36** "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish-- the very works that I do-- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. **37** "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. **38** "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

**John 5:39-47**

**39** "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **40** "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. **41** "I do not receive honor from men. **42** "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. **43** "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. **44** "How can you believe, (*you*) who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? **45** "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you-- Moses, in whom you trust. **46** "For if you believed Moses, you would believe

Me; for he wrote about Me. 47 "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

## The Summation Sentence

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the central point, theme, and Title of the word of God – the Bible!. When God had finished His work of creation He rested on the seventh day. But ever since the fall of our original mom and dad, Adam and Eve there in the Garden, God has been hard at work to bring mankind back from the dead spiritually.

## Sometimes it's hard to convince

You know regarding death – it's often difficult to convince someone who's terminally ill that they are soon to die. - - it's at those times when what people believe in is put to the test. Faith in God or traditions of men ?

## Jesus is the Meaning of Life

**1.) Because He is the source of life vv. 25-30**

**a.) He's the giver of life to those who'll listen vv. 25-26**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have **life in Himself**

John 6:63

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

## It's Biological Life - Yes

But It's More Than Biological Life

It's Total Life - a Complete, Total, Living Life  
(a whole life – body, soul and spirit – a complete life)

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:10

that they may have life more abundantly.

## Get a Microscope

and Take a Look at the World Down Under

*If that world doesn't make you an intelligent believer - you're blind*

### **Get a Telescope**

and Take a Look at the World Up Yonder  
*If that world doesn't make you an intelligent believer - you're blind*

### **Get a Look Inside**

And Take a Look at the World Inside You  
*If that world doesn't make you an intelligent believer – you're blind*

John 1:2-4

He (Jesus) was in (at) the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

Job 33:4

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

## **Jesus is the Meaning of Life** ***Because He is the source of life***

### ***b.) He's the judge of hearts of those who refuse vv. 27-29***

**27** "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. **28** "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice **29** "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation

John 16:8-11

"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“The Son of Man”

## **A Messianic Title**

Daniel 7:13

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven!

### **Verse 28**

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

## **Remember Lazarus?**

John 11:43-44

Jesus cried with a loud voice, "**Lazarus**, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

## **Just Lazarus at this Point**

**all who are in the graves will hear His voice**

### **Verse 29**

and come forth-- those who have **done good**, to the resurrection of life, and those who have **done evil**, to the resurrection of condemnation

There is a False Teaching about this verse  
That Goes Like This...

If you have done good things then you'll get to go into heaven and if you have done evil things then you're going to go to hell

That is Not What this Passage teaches

**those who have done {grk - the} evil**

did the empty, worthless, meaningless, no value or not the best thing - singular

**those who have done {grk - the} good**

did the worthwhile, meaningful, valuable, purposeful, best thing - singular

John 6:28-29

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

## **Good People Go to Hell Every Day**

But Those who have done the best go to heaven. And the best is available to every human being

no matter how evil they have been in this life

Acts 17:30-31

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

# the resurrection of life

## The First Resurrection & The Only Death

Revelation 20:4-6

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark (666) on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power

### Verse 29

and those who have (THE) done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation

## the resurrection of condemnation

### The Second Resurrection & The Second Death

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**If you're Born Twice you'll only Die Once  
But if you're Born Once, You'll Die Twice.**

## Jesus is the Meaning of Life

*Because He is the source of life*

**c.) He's the revelation of God to all men**

**vv. 30**

**30** "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

"I can of Myself do nothing  
(he would not do anything contrary, contradictory, to God's will)

## **(the will) of the Father who sent Me.**

Hebrews 10:10

By that **will** we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ  
once for all.

## **Jesus is the Revelation of God**

### **Jesus is the Meaning of Life**

***Because He is the source of life***

**2.) *Because He is the evidence for life* vv. 31-38**

**a.) *John the Baptist testifies of Jesus Christ* vv. 31-32**

"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true

#### **Verse 31**

"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true  
**(It's My Word Against Yours – and you wont believe me)**

### **The Court Calls: Mr. John Baptist**

#### **Verse 32-35**

**32** "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. **33** "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. **34** "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. **35** "He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light

John 1:26-27

John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

Matthew 11:7-11

As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing

are in kings' houses. 9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 10 "For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.' 11 "Assuredly, I say to you, **among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist**; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

### **According to Jesus**

John the Baptist was the Greatest Old Testament Saint of All time

## **The Jews Feared Johannan**

Matthew 21:25-26

25 "The baptism of John-- where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet."

**It's still true to this day,**

Israel doesn't know what to do with John the Baptist

Genesis 4:10

The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

***Because He is the evidence for life***  
*John the Baptist testifies of Jesus Christ*

***b.) Supernatural works testify of Jesus Christ vv. 36***

### **The Court Calls: The Miracles of Jesus**

#### **Verse 36**

"But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish-- the very works that I do-- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

John 3:1-2

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs (miracles) that You do unless God is with him."

## **There Were Undeniable Events**

You could reject them - but not deny them

## The Court Calls: **God the Father**

### **c.) *God the Father testifies of Jesus Christ* vv. 37-38**

"And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe

### **By The Father**

Hebrews 1:1-2

God (the Father) , who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers (patriarchs) by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...

### **By The Father**

Galatians 3:8-9

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

### **By The Father**

Matthew 3:16-17

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

## **Jesus is the Meaning of Life**

***Because He is the source of life***

***Because He is the evidence for life***

### **3.) *Because He is the word of life* vv. 39-47**

God Spoke Life into Existence

The Logos of God is Both

Concept and Creation at Once

### **a.) *Unbelief in His word keeps a person dead* vv. 39-40**

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life

Ephesians 2:1-2

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world,

## **Verse 39**

**You search the Scriptures,  
for in them you think you have eternal life;**

# **What a Horrific Passage Of Scripture**

**Searching, Studying, Academics, Theology, Cannot Save You  
PHD  
(piled higher & deeper)**

**If You Miss Jesus in the Scriptures – You’ll be the  
Smartest guy in Hell**

**THERE ARE TWO THINGS THE SCRIPTURES EXPOSE OF OURSELVES**

## **The Scriptures Convince Us of His Messiahship & Convict us of Unbelief**

John 16:8-10

"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father"

**The Court Calls: Scriptural Documentation**

## **Verse 39**

**these are they which testify of Me**

**The Old Testament,  
The Historical Books, The Poetic Books,  
The Prophetic Books  
It’s all about one person - Jesus Christ!!!**

Psalm 40:7

"Behold, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me.

Hebrews 10:5-7

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- in the volume of the book it is written of Me-- to do Your will, O God.' "

### **When You Read Your Old Testament**

And you come to something that you don't understand – insert Jesus into the text and you'll do fine

Luke 24:25-27

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

# Jesus Cannot Be Denied – Only Rejected!

You will not be able to deny Him – but only reject Him

The Eternal Weight of this Book in all of its truth and accuracy stands against the fleeting moments of humanity in all of failure

**they which testify of Me**  
**they which testify of Me**  
they which testify of Me

## **Verse 40**

"But you are not willing to come to Me  
that you may have life

## **CAN YOU HEAR HIM TODAY SAYING THIS?**

**Jesus is the Meaning of Life**  
***Because He is the word of life***

### ***b.) Pride against His word keeps a person blind vv. 41-44***

41 "I do not receive honor from men. 42 "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. 43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if

another comes in his own name, him you will receive. **44** "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

### **Verse 43**

"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

### **Verse 44**

"How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

**Honor**     **grk**   1391   doxa (dox'-ah);  
proud dignity, glory, praise, attention,  
having the chief place (eyes and hearts)

# Pride

1 John 2:16-17

For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

## ***c.) Traditions over His word keeps a man bound vv. 45-47***

**45** "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you-- Moses, in whom you trust. **46** "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. **47** "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

The Court Calls: **Mr. Moses Lawgiver**

# **This is My Closing Argument**

### **Verse 45**

"Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you-- Moses, in whom you trust

### **Verse 46**

"For if **you believed Moses**, you would believe Me;  
for he wrote about Me

Verse 47

"But if you do not believe his writings,  
how will you believe My words?"

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;

Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 22:7-8

But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."

Deuteronomy 18:15

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## Is Your Seat Reserved In **Heaven** For You, With Your Name Written There?

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved** in heaven for you,

## Or Is Your Seat Reserved In **Hell** For You, With Your Name Written There?