

John # 38 “God Loved the World So Much”

*John 3:13-16; Ezekiel 36:25-28; 37:1-28*

**Romans 9:6- “It is not as though God's Word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.”**

In other words, not all who are born Israelites are born-again Israelites.

1.) *At the First Advent, TLJC is the Suffering Servant Savior as the God-man; Isaiah 52:13-53:12.*

2.) *At the Second Advent, TLJC will be the reigning authority or Judge during the Millennium.*

Unbelief is the root cause of ignorance and not vice versa.

**Unbelief understands nothing (not even the very simple) and it therefore, breeds ignorance.**

**“When the author walks on the stage, the play is over...It will be God without disguise or something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late to choose your side. There is no use saying you choose to lie down when it has become impossible to stand up...Now, today, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side.”**

**Mere Christianity, Book 2, chapter 5; C.S. Lewis**

**In our study from John 3, the apostle John is making a case for the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the God-man, Israel's promised Messiah, the Savior of the world.**

He's using some of Jesus' miracles which he calls signs as evidence for Jesus' claims of His authority to speak on behalf of God His Father.

*John's use of the term 'signs' indicates that much more important than the events themselves is the message that accompanies the wonderful phenomena.*

And the message is simple yet profound “I am He; look no further.”

**Obviously, our Lord was not occupied with Himself but He was completely on-board with the plan of God for His humanity and part of that plan was sharing the Good News of His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session and the joy attached to it.**

The Gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ and His efforts on our behalf: it's the communication of biblical truth related to man's salvation through the work of Christ on the cross.

*The first tenant of the Gospel is the fact that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; the OT; it's a doctrine taught there as well as in the NT.*

**Preaching the Gospel is providing clear information that explains God's grace salvation through Christ's redemption, reconciliation and propitiation.**

So, the boundaries of the Gospel extend from the death of Jesus for our sins on the cross to the resurrection of Christ for our justification and beyond.

*Most biblical references to the Gospel have qualifying emphasis words but the content of the Gospel never changes; only the emphasis of the Gospel changes with its context.*

**Revering, sanctifying or setting apart the Lord Jesus in our hearts or souls means that we place Him above all other priorities in life.**

**It means that we must constantly be renewing our minds or thought patterns with the infallible Word of God.**