

John # 44 “The Verdict Is In” *John 3:16*

In order to help us all, the apostle John provided 8 signs and

8 sayings of Jesus:

**8 Signs: 1. Water turned to wine (ch 2), 2. Healing a nobleman’s son (ch 4), 3. Healing a lame man (ch 5),
4. Feeding 5,000 (ch 6), 5. Walking on water (ch 6), 6. Healing a blind man (ch 9), 7. Raising Lazarus from the dead (ch 11),
8. Jesus’ own resurrection (ch 20).**

8 Sayings: 1. “I Am He” (ch 4). 2. “I Am the Bread of life” (ch 6). 3. “I Am the light of the world” (ch 8). 4. “I Am the door” (ch 10). 5. “I Am the Good Shepherd” (ch 10). 6. “I Am the resurrection and the life” (ch 11). 7. “I Am the way, the truth and the life” (ch 14). 8. “I Am the true vine” (ch 15).

With each “I AM” statement, Jesus is claiming to be God.

Anyone’s proclamation of love is no stronger than the character of the person proclaiming it.

Our Lord as a human being grew in stature and grace before God and among men, so He had a maximum capacity for love.

TLJC was perfect in character and therefore, perfect in His love.

And always remember; the love of Christ did not and does not depend on us but on His character and that makes it a grace love.

Love like this can’t help but express itself and it did at the cross.

Under grace, giving depends totally upon the giver and not the recipient.

The most dramatic moment in your life is the moment you were born again from above.

The participle of precedence here tells us that every person ever saved in human history was saved by faith in TLJC.

However TLJC is revealed, He is always the object of faith in salvation.

Every person who dies and goes to Hell does so from the ultimate source of themselves and not God!

It is God's purpose , never to judge any person who believes in TLJC with the Lake of Fire.

***Romans 8:1* There is one common and basic reason why men do not receive TLJC; because they have greater love for their sin natures.**

Just as God provided an antidote for the venomous snake bites in the wilderness, He provided a cure for Nicodemus and the world’s spiritual sickness.

God’s grace plan is exclusive.

John 3:16 teaches a new spiritual life for all who believe.

All this because God demonstrated His love for us by giving us His best!

TLJC delivered us in the past from the penalty of sin (justification), the Holy Spirit delivers us in the present from the power of sin (sanctification) and the Father will deliver us in the future from the presence of sin (glorification).

John 3:16 gives us two guaranteed promises:

1. We will NEVER perish and 2. We will always have eternal life!