

**John # 56 “The Second Sign” John 4:43-54 Col1:15-20**

**The issue for the Lord Jesus Christ was and is the Gospel, the Good News of His substitutionary spiritual sacrificial death for all mankind.**

The message of Jesus’ day first came from another messenger, John the Baptist, whose ministry was parallel to the prophet Isaiah’s.

*John the Baptist was represented as a Voice, which puts the emphasis on the message rather than on the man.*

It was John’s message that changed lives for time and eternity because it’s the voice that communicates biblical truth, which lives on long after the voice is silent; John is gone but the Word of God abides forever.

**Jesus Christ meets every need in this life; He meets every need of the future; He provides in living, in dying and after death.**

When John stood before the people and cried out, “Be prepared”, he was doing the best thing he could do for them; He was dealing with them as individuals and with their problems as individual problems so he was doing permanent eternal good for them.

*It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to produce divine good in us but there are certain things which can be either divine or human good, depending on the means by which they are performed.*

**This is how we take our own happiness wherever we go when we’re influenced by the Holy Spirit and taking biblical truth into our souls and by faith, it is transferred into our human spirits, we’re going to carry our own happiness wherever we go because we’ll have a powerful soul structure with us!**

Whether we’re at a party or in the midst of a tragedy, we’ll be exalted; whether we’re in a place of prosperity or a place of testing, we’ll always have God’s marvelous inner happiness which belongs only to the believer with a strong soul structure from consistent use of God’s grace solutions.

**Whatever the dispensation of time, salvation is always by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.**

It’s never faith plus anything we do and it’s exclusively Jesus Christ alone and never a co-Savior and it’s always grace alone and never works of any kind; be they ever so subtle.

*So, we know why the Apostle John recorded Jesus’ signs but do we really need to have signs in order to saved; do we need something miraculous to confirm Jesus’ authenticity?*

It’s interesting that Jesus performed public signs or miracles which led many to Him and John cited Jesus’ signs as evidence of His Messiahship and yet at the same time, Jesus seems not all that pleased with those who seek Him for the sake of the signs alone!

**The Lord Jesus Christ comes to His own people and His own reject Him in Jerusalem and Judea in John 1; then the Righteous One of all righteous ones demonstrates Israel's apostasy in John 2 by physically, bodily throwing the crooks out of His Father's house and then Jesus addresses the great religious leader of Israel in John 3 and he has no clue as to the fundamental doctrine salvation, the born-again experience; it's not until we get to John 4 that we find a truly positive response from a group of despised half-breeds known as Samaritans!**

**And how do we know these Samaritans were positive to the message?**

*No signs necessary, just words!*

**It's not that Jesus didn't want to provide a sign, it's that He wants us to trust Him and that's how we fall in love with Him and remain occupied with Him and not simply what He gives to us.**

**This nobleman at first says "Jesus show me and I'll believe but Jesus says "Trust Me and I'll show you more of Me!"**

**Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29**