

**The Gospel of John**  
**Lesson #62**  
**The Journey**  
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**The Gospel of John**

- John 6:36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.
- Jesus had just shocked the crowd by revealing to them Moses didn't give their forefathers the manna from heaven – God did.
- And now the living Bread of Life is standing before them complete with prophecies and miracles and they refuse to believe and receive him.

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- It seems obvious that extra accountability was put upon those who saw Jesus' actions and heard his words.
- Later he will tell Thomas "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
- We've seen this before – the more light given, the greater the accountability.

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Matthew 11:20 Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

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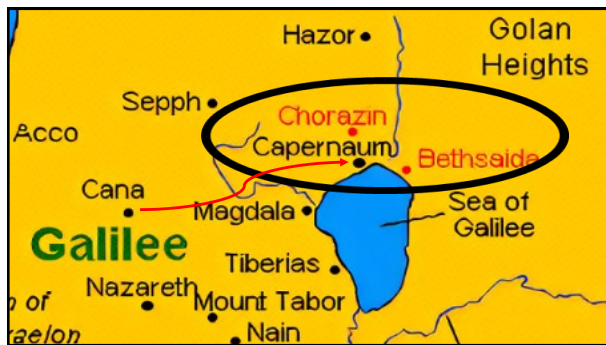
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- Jesus is pointing out that the cities where he did many of his miracles are more accountable for their unbelief than are the wicked Gentile cities of Tyre and Sidon.
- Evidently the one who knows the results of all possible combinations of all events knows that one area of the region would have responded better than another.
- Tyre and Sidon were not filled with believers in Christ, but neither was Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum where he did the majority of his recorded miracles.

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Imagine the insight such an assessment would require! Jesus knew the hearts of all in the region and could do an instantaneous calculation as to the condition of each soul and whether they would have believed had they heard. And then he went on and spoke in certain terms that had he done the same works in the second set of cities they would have repented. It would be one thing to experiment and then analyze the results – that would be hard enough, but to know who would have repented had they seen and heard him goes way, way beyond a mathematical analysis. That points directly to his omniscience which points directly to his deity. If your God could not do the assessment I just described, your god, is not God!

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So, to have lived in Israel when Jesus was ministering certainly had its advantages. You could see Jesus, you could hear him teach, and you could see his miracles. All the things we believe about Jesus we believe because they were recorded for us to examine. It takes faith to believe what you haven't seen. When Jesus was ministering, he put all who were nearby in a great place to be saved, but with great advantage also came grave responsibility.

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**Maybe a challenge for all of us – how many years have we sat under the word?  
Is the strength of our faith commensurate with the extent of our exposure to the truth?**

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**John 6:37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.**

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**“whoever comes to me I will never cast out.”**

This means the sinner who wants to be saved can come singing, “nothing in my hand I bring” and be assured he needs nothing but faith to be saved. Let us have none of this nonsense like, “you don’t know how bad I’ve been” – well, God does. In fact, God knew how awful you would be way before you were born yet he still died for you. So, get to Jesus – walk, run, crawl, swim, drag yourself if you must, just get there any way you can. He will not cast you out!

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**No one who wants to be saved, will ever be lost!**

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- Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me.
- It was customary in 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish culture to share a meal together when two parties had reconciled their differences.
- Luke 15:20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

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- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
- There is a sense of security in Jesus’ words – he is projecting into the future using the words “**raise on the last day**” to give us a sense of his intention to keep us.

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- **Jesus will not cast the believer out** because we are gifts to him from the Father.
- **Jesus will not cast the believer out** because it is the Father’s will that the believer be given eternal life.
- You can see how the above fits into AG doctrine – we believe the only way to lose salvation is to stop believing and Jesus’s words in today’s text say explicitly that Jesus will not cast us out. (the only variable is we, ourselves)

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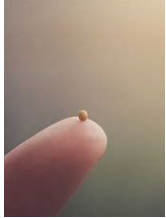
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**What if I don't have enough faith?**

Matthew 17:20 For truly, I say to you, "if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

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- Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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We crave acceptance – it is in our DNA that we should be in fellowship with others. In Genesis, as Adam was naming all the kinds of animals we read, "It is not good that the man should be alone" and God goes on to create Eve. As humans we need and crave connectedness in this life. We want to be accepted and included – we need to find our place in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces, and in our churches. Sadly, this does not always happen because we live in a fallen world, but God – having fully anticipated our need made certain to communicate his posture towards us in writing so that if/when we have doubts, we can go and read of his acceptance of us anytime we want to.

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**“Whoever comes to me I will never cast out.”**

Jesus of Nazareth

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- Six times in 25 verses Jesus says that he "**came down from heaven**" (verses 33, 38, 41, 50, 51, 58). His claim to having come from heaven is anything but vague.
- "**I came down from heaven**" implies divinity – it tells of his pre-existence and if you follow his words, "came from heaven" and "my Father" he is claiming to be God's Son.
- So, when you hear someone say, "Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God" just know that person is misinformed or has an agenda of some kind that is not Biblical.

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- And then he says he came "**not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.**"
- Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- If Paul was right that we were predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ, then it should follow that our purpose and God's will for us fit like a hand in a glove.

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- The truths connected here tell us nearly all we need to know to test our lives against Romans 8:29 – how much have we been conformed to his image?
- Jesus was focused on doing the will of God, his father – how focused are we on doing the will of God?
- This does not come natural to us – what is natural to us is to focus on doing our will which is why we must seek the fullness of the Spirit everyday.

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**“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.”**

The Apostle Paul

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- Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- If we believe God is working in our lives through all circumstances, then we should be cheerful, praying always, and be giving thanks as we trust him in all things.

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- John 6:41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"
- The "Jews" here are no doubt Jews local to Galilee as they seem to have some familiarity with Jesus and his family.
- They knew him well enough to discount him – this is the Nazareth principle.

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Mark 6:1 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?" 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

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A word to the wise – do not let your familiarity with Jesus become so stale, so old, so standard fare, that you begin to lose your wonder for him. The only way I know to preserve our wonder for Jesus is to stay close and listen to him. If you truly pay attention as you read your bible, as you listen to sermons, and as you study the scriptures it will be impossible for him to ever seem stale, old, or standard. We have been seated with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show us the immeasurable riches of his grace. In the coming ages (eternity) we will keep on learning of the goodness, the greatness, and the grace of God. Jesus is an inexhaustible wonder!

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- John 6:43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day."
- "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" ..... ??
- John 12:32 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

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