The Gospel According to John

Lesson 13: John 5:17-47

January 6, 2015

1. Preparation: Read John 5:1-16. Pray. Write out and then memorize John 5:24.

2. Study: John 5:17-47. Read Kostenberger, *Encountering John*, Chapter 7, pages 81-82.

   a. **Observation**: What do the Scripture passages say?

      (1) **Where** is Jesus at the start of this Scripture passage? **Why**? (see John 5:1) [MAP]

      (2) **What** had just happened? (see John 5:1-9)

      (3) **How** did the Jewish religious leaders react? **Why**? (see John 5:10-18)

      (4) Jesus defends Himself against the Jewish religious leaders' accusations (John 5:18) by clearly stating that He (God the Son) and God the Father are one (equal) in several ways. List them:

John 5:17

John 5:19

John 5:20

John 5:21 Deuteronomy 32:39 1 Samuel 2:6 2 Kings 5:7

John 5:22 Genesis 18:25 Acts 17:31

John 5:23

John 5:24

John 5:26

John 5:27

      (5) **Why** did Jesus then cite several witnesses to back up His claims? (Deuteronomy 17:6, Numbers 35:30)

(6) **Who** or **What** are the witnesses that substantiate Jesus' claims?

John 5:31-35

John 5:36

John 5:37-38

John 5:39-47

b. **Interpretation**: What does the Scripture passage mean?

(1) What happens at each of the "resurrections" Jesus mentions? How are they different?

John 5:24-25 Ephesians 2:1-10

John 5:26 Acts 2:24 Acts 3:15 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Philippians 3:20-21

John 5:28-29 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Revelation 20:11-15

(2) **Why** does Jesus rebuke the Jewish religious leaders? (John 5:39-44)

(3) **Who** is "another who comes in his own name, you will receive him"? (John 5:43 2 Thessalonians 2 Revelation 13

c. **Application**: How will you apply this Scripture passage in your life?

(1) What have you learned about Jesus, the Son of God, from this Scripture passage that you didn't know or appreciate before?

(2) The Jewish religious leaders were counting on their religious practice to save them from God's judgment. Have you ever thought your salvation depended on your performance? Explain.

3. Write out John 5:24 from memory.

4. Read John 3:16-21. Conclude your study time with prayer.