

28. In what did the holiness of Jesus of Nazareth consist primarily?
29. What first great lesson, then, does Jesus teach us by His example?
30. What second great lesson does Jesus teach us by His example?
31. What third great lesson does Jesus teach us by His example?

Lesson Eighty-three

THE CLAIMS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

Scripture Reading: John 8:31-59.

Scriptures to Memorize: "I am come out from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father" (John 16:28). "Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father?" (John 14:9).

32. Q. What third aspect of the Jesus of history shall we now investigate?
 - A. We shall now proceed to investigate the claims Jesus made for Himself.
33. Q. What is a first claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?
 - A. He claimed, in the first place, to have come from God the Father.

John 6:38—"For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 8:42—"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of myself, but he hath sent me." John 7:28, 29—"Ye both know me, and know whence I am; and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. I know him; because I am from him, and he sent me." John 17:5—"Father, glorify

thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee *before the world was.*"

34. Q. What is a second claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?

A. He claimed, in the second place, to have received His teaching from God the Father.

Matt. 11:27—"All things have been delivered unto me of my Father." John 7:16—"My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me." John 8:28—"I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, I speak these things." John 17:8—"For the words which thou gavest me I have given unto them." John 12:49—"For I spake not from myself; but the Father that hath sent me, he hath given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak." John 18:37—"To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." John 6:63—"The words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life."

35. Q. What is a third claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?

A. He claimed, in the third place, to have come to do the Father's work.

John 5:17—"My Father worketh even until now, and I work." John 4:34—"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work." John 5:30—"I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 14:10—"the words that I say unto you I speak not from myself; but the Father abiding in me doeth his works." John 9:4—"We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

36. Q. What is a fourth claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?

A. He claimed, in the fourth place, to have come into the world for the purpose of revealing God to mankind.

Matt. 11:27—"no one knoweth the Son, save the Father; neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he

to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal Him." John 12:45—"and he that beholdeth me beholdeth him that sent me." John 6:46—"Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he that is from God, he hath seen the Father." John 14:9—"he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Cf. John 1:18—"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." Heb. 1:3—"who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance," etc.

37. Q. What is a fifth claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?

A. He claimed, in the fifth place, that He would return to the Father.

John 8:14—"I know whence I came, and whither I go." John 14:28—"If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father." John 16:28—"I am come out from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father." John 16:10—"of righteousness, because I go to the Father," etc.

38. Q. What is a sixth claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?

A. He claimed, in the sixth place, to have authority on earth to forgive sins.

Matt. 9:6, 7—"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. And he arose, and departed to his house." Cf. Luke 5:20-25. Luke 7:48, "And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven." Luke 23:43, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise" (these words of forgiveness were addressed to the penitent thief on the cross).

39. Q. What is a seventh claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?

A. He claimed, in the seventh place, to have Life inherently and in its fulness in His own Person.

John 5:26—"For as the Father hath life in himself, even

so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself." John 10:17, 18—"Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one taketh it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." John 5:21—"For as the Father raiseth the dead and giveth them life, even so the Son also giveth life to whom he will." John 8:52—"If a man keep my word, he shall never taste of death." John 14:6—"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 10:10—"I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." John 11:25, 26—"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die."

REVIEW EXAMINATION OVER LESSON
EIGHTY-THREE

32. What third aspect of the Jesus of history shall we now investigate?
33. What is a first claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?
34. What is a second claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?
35. What is a third claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?
36. What is a fourth claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?
37. What is a fifth claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?
38. What is a sixth claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?
39. What is a seventh claim that Jesus of Nazareth made for Himself?