

Brookland Baptist Church
Bible Study
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Lecture XVII

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THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED

John 3:1-7 (KJV)

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

² The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Matthew 7:28-29 (KJV)

²⁸ And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

²⁹ For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matthew 7:28-29 (MSG)

²⁸⁻²⁹ When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying—quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.

The crowd was astonished both at the matter and manner of His preaching. He spoke with strong passion and purpose. There was an earnestness about His preaching which carried conviction. They were filled with wonderment. It set the atmosphere for His mission and ministry.

John 7:43-46 (KJV)

⁴³ So there was a division among the people because of him.

⁴⁴ And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

⁴⁶ The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

The Authority of Jesus Displayed in the Sermon

1. **The Authority of Jesus as Teacher** - The crowds were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them with authority. He was a Jew, but His message was not Jewish. His message was Christian. He was interpreting the law of Moses in such a way as to show that it was God's law.
2. **The Authority of Jesus as the Christ** – He made it known that He had not come into the world to “abolish the law,” but to “fulfill” them. He did not think of Himself as another prophet, but rather as the fulfillment of prophecy.
3. **The Authority of Jesus as the Lord** – He was not just “Sir” to be respected; He was “Lord” to be obeyed. He was “Master,” issuing commandments, expecting obedience and warning them that eternal life was at stake . . . heaven or hell.
4. **The Authority of Jesus as the Saviour** – Jesus knew the way of salvation and taught it. He was able to declare who was blessed and who was not. His way was the narrow way and we should build our houses (lives) on the Rock who is Jesus the Christ.
5. **The Authority of Jesus as the Judge** – He preached the coming day of judgement. Jesus knew that it was a reality and wanted His followers to live each day as if they knew it was a reality. He claimed Himself to be the Judge.
Song – See the “Sign of the Judgement”
6. **The Authority of Jesus as the Son of God** – He preached a comprehensive doctrine of God which included God as Creator, the Living God, King and above all “Our Father” of whom He includes Himself. He declared that He was doing the “will of my Father.”
7. **The Authority of Jesus as God** – He preached of Himself as One with God. He exercised Divine prerogatives. He has us to know that what He does God does and that what people do to Him they are doing to God.