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(John 8:24)

I. Jesus claimed to be the Messiah.

- a. John 4:7-15.
- b. Jesus then talked to the woman about her marital situation and showed her that He knew her past, though never having met her before this time.
 - i. She realized that He was someone special and began to talk religion with Him.
 - ii. Notice the end result of this conversation (John 4:25-26).
 - iii. Jesus claimed to be the Christ, the Son of God.
- c. Also, notice what Jesus said to Pilate (Matthew 27:11).

II. The works of Jesus showed Him to be the Messiah.

- a. John 5:36.
 - i. The works did not show Jesus to be an imposter or magician.
 - ii. They showed that He came forth from God the Father.
 - iii. They showed that Jesus was the Son of God.
- b. John 9:1ff – the healing of the blind man.
 - i. Jesus also let this man know that He really was the Son of God.
 - ii. John 9:35-37.
- c. Matthew 12:22-23 – the healing of the demon-possessed, blind and mute man.
- d. Mark 4:38-41 – the calming of the waves.
- e. John 11:1ff – the raising of Lazarus from the dead.
 - i. There was no doubt this miracle occurred.
 - ii. It was so well known that the Pharisees were concerned that Jesus would draw all the Jews to Him (John 11:47-48).
 - iii. It was so known that they even considered putting Lazarus to death according to John 12:10.
- f. John tells us why he wrote what he did about Jesus (John 20:30-31) – because believing in Jesus brings life eternal.

III. Others point to Jesus as the Messiah.

- a. Nearly every writing prophet recorded a prophecy of the coming Messiah.
- b. Some mentioned what Jesus would do.
 - i. Set up a kingdom (Daniel 7:13-14).
 - ii. Give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, heal the lame, and allow the mute to speak (Isaiah 35:5-6).
- c. Some mentioned where He would be born (Micah 5:2).
- d. Some mentioned how He would die (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53).
- e. Some mentioned why He would die (Zechariah 13:1).
- f. Listen to what Jesus said about what was written about Him (Luke 24:44).
 - i. This encompasses the entire Old Testament.
 - ii. From Moses to Malachi speak of the coming Son of God and Jesus fulfilled every single prophecy about the Messiah.
- g. John the Immerser stands as a witness to the fact that Jesus is the Christ.
 - i. John 1:34.
 - ii. It was John that said “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world”.

- h.** Thomas said, “My Lord and my God”.
- i.** Peter said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- j.** The enemies of Jesus spoke well of Him.
 - i.** Pilate said that he found no fault in Jesus.
 - ii.** Pilate’s wife called Jesus a just man.
 - iii.** The centurion at the cross said, “Truly this was the Son of God”.
- k.** Heaven itself testified to the fact of Jesus being the Son of God: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”.
- l.** Death is also a witness to the Sonship of Jesus (Acts 2:31) – the grave would not lay a claim on Him.

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