

The Worldview of Jesus

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John 10:30-42

The Defense of the CHRISTIAN FAITH.

- 1 Peter 3:15 – [15] *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*
 - The WORD defense – is *apologia*. It means to give a DEFENSE. To give arguments. NOT an apology!

In this SECTION at the End of JOHN 10 – JESUS (Feast of Dedication) just a few months before his crucifixion is doing just that! “apologetics.”

- JESUS is GIVING an APOLOGETIC for HIS DEITY.
- HE DOES this by ARTICULATING the points of HIS WORLDVIEW.
- A WORLDVIEW is the comprehensive way that you see the WORLD.
- A WORLDVIEW consists of:
 - A Theology: Is there a GOD? Who is He?
 - A Metaphysic: How did we get here? How did the EARTH come into being? What sustains everything?
 - An Epistemology: How do we know Truth? How do we arrive at Knowledge?
 - An Anthropology: Who is man? What is man’s purpose?
 - An Ethic: What is Right? What is Wrong? How is morality determined?
 - A Telos: What is the purpose of everything? How will things end?
- Christianity is the only truly consistent worldview. And that is because it BEGINS with the RIGHT starting POINT. The GOD who is there. And it is built on absolute TRUTH.
 - Psalm 119:160 – [160] *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.*
 - The CHRISTIAN has a map which is able to answer all the important questions of life.
 - Our world is trying to NAVIGATE by FEELING
 - There are inevitably inconsistencies in their worldviews.
 - GOOD APOLOGETICS points out these inconsistencies.

This is IMPORTANT as a CHRISTIAN that you know your WORLDVIEW. This is the WORLDVIEW of JESUS.

1) Jesus’s Worldview Centers on the Triune God

John 10:30 – [30] *I and the Father are one.*

- I (Masc. Sing).
- Father (Masc. Sing).
- Are (plural verb)
- One (Neuter Sing)
- We have plurality and singularity. The TRINITY.
 - The Father is God. The Son is God. The Spirit is God.
 - There is one God. One divine essence. Three persons.

The IMPLICATION. BEHIND it all... *There is a PERSONAL GOD.* As such God made us as PERSONAL BEINGS. RELATIONAL BEINGS. God made us to KNOW HIM.

- That means that from the VERY beginning there is FELLOWSHIP.
- GOD created MAN to KNOW GOD!
 - Jeremiah 9:23 – [23] *Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, [24] but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight.*
 - John 17:3 – [3] *And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*
 - God DELIGHTS in PEOPLE KNOWING the LIVING GOD.

The CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW begins with the TRIUNE GOD. This is CHRIST’S THEOLOGY.

John 10:31 – [31] *The Jews picked up stones again to stone him.*

- They BEGIN to execute CAPITAL PUNISHMENT against HIM.
- Apparently there were enough stones there... near the TEMPLE ... for some to go gather QUICKLY.
 - *Bastazo* – Word used to describe picking up stones...

2) Jesus’s Worldview Asserts Divine Revelation

John 10:32 – [32] *Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”*

- Jesus has shown many “good works.”
 - The operative prepositional phrase – “From the Father.”
 - He doesn’t say – “My Father” – “The Father” The Father of all MANKIND.
 - Jesus’s POINT is that he has REVEALED the WORKS of GOD.

This is HOW we KNOW GOD. God MUST REVEAL HIMSELF to us!

- JESUS has done WORKS which REVEAL the CHARACTER of GOD. To Reveal that He is SENT from GOD.
 - JESUS’s WORKS have demonstrated that He is from the FATHER.
 - That’s WHY he says... John 14:9 – [9] *Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...*
 - JESUS’s POINT is... what are you bringing against me?
 - Where is the FALSE NOTE? Where is the EVIL DEED?

The BIG TAKEAWAY – For us to KNOW GOD TRULY as He is, GOD must reveal HIMSELF to us.

- The SON is the REVELATION of GOD.
- John 5:36 – [36b] *For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.*
- Yet as 21st Century Christians – the only way to get to the real JESUS of HISTORY is through the SCRIPTURES.
 - John 16:13 – [13] *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...”*
 - Jesus told the apostles in John that the Holy Spirit would remind them of the truth.

3) Jesus's Worldview Demands an Incarnation

John 10:33 – [33] *The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you being a man, make yourself God."*

- They accused HIM of BLASPHEMY (*blasphemia*)... which means to SLANDER or DENIGRATE or DISRESPECT GOD.

They claim that a man had made himself God... when in reality God had made Himself man.

- The PROBLEM. They had no concept of an INCARNATION.
- *Incarnatio* – To make flesh; to become flesh.
 - The INCARNATION is the TRUTH that GOD became a MAN.
- OT References.
 - Remember Isaiah 9:6 – [6] *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
 - Jesus's point to the Pharisees...in Matthew 22:44 quoting Psalm 110. *"The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand..."* Jesus's question: How does David call His descendent Lord?
- The ONLY WAY for man to get back to GOD is for GOD to become one of us and bring us to GOD.
 - 1 Timothy 2:5 – [5] *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6] who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

4) Jesus's Worldview Declares the Authority of Scripture

Jesus knew that the JEWS accepted the Scriptures of the OT. So he makes a Scriptural argument. From the least to the greatest.

John 10:34 – [34] *Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'?"*

John 10:35 – [35] *If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—*

John 10:36 – [36] *do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, "I am the Son of God'?"*

- He refers to "your law" in (v. 34) reference to what they deemed authoritative in their worldview.
- This was something they shared... *a common belief in the Scriptures as God's Word.*
- Jesus quotes Psalm 82:6 – [6] *I said, "you are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you."*
 - Rabbis taught @ the time that this "gods" refers to their judges.
 - Princes execute God's divine judgment on Earth.
 - So they would actually refer to these judges as little 'g' gods.
 - Jesus is simply pointing out that they are being inconsistent in their application because they already referred to some as 'gods,' yet He is the Son of God!

The WORLDVIEW of JESUS is on display. SCRIPTURE cannot be BROKEN

- *Luo* - Loosed. Divided. Unbound.
- It stands as ONE. Same word to describe the bringing together of Jew and Gentile in Ephesians 2:14. He "broke down the barrier."
- If you deny ONE FACET of SCRIPTURE, you DENY all of it.

- That is because of what it is: It is GOD's VERY WORD:
- 2 Timothy 3:16 – [16] *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*
- Jesus says about Scripture. Matthew 5:17 – [17] *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. [18] For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”*
- The SCRIPTURE has a PERMANENCY about it. It will LAST until the END.
- Isaiah 40:8 – [8] *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*
- Romans 3:4 – [4] *Let God be true though every one were a liar.*
- Spurgeon – “The first step astray is a want of adequate faith in the divine inspiration of the sacred Scriptures. All the while a man bows to the authority of God’s Word, he will not entertain any sentiment contrary to its teaching. “To the law and to the testimony,” is his appeal concerning every doctrine. He esteems that holy Book, concerning all things, to be right, and therefore he hates every false way. But let a man question, or entertain low views of the inspiration authority of the Bible, and he is without chart to guide him, and without anchor to hold him.”

5) Jesus’s Worldview States the Importance of Miracle

John 10:37 – [37] *If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me;*

John 10:38 – [38] *but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”*

- Miracles are used to VERIFY the MESSAGE. Miracles testify to the fact of a SUPERNATURAL religion.
- God is continually working, *but a miracle is an unusual work of God which cannot be explained by ordinary providential acts other than the HAND of GOD.*
- Miracles play an important part of the CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW, because they CONFIRM the REVELATION.

John 10:39 – [39] *Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.*

6) Jesus’s Worldview Commands the Necessity of Faith

- The Supernatural Work of God.

John 10:40 – [40] *He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained.*

- Jesus has come FULL CIRCLE. He goes to the EASTERN side of the JORDAN RIVER and where John the Baptizer was baptizing... right north of the Dead Sea. He goes back to where it all BEGAN.

John 10:41 – [41] *And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.”*

John 10:42 – [42] *And many believed in him there.*

- The CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW involves FAITH in the SON of GOD.