

## Lesson #7: Jesus, Teacher of Righteousness

### Welcome Prayer & Review of previous week: Jesus, Equal to God (15 minutes)

#### Jesus claimed to be Equal to God

- John wrote the gospel as an eye witness to Jesus' ministry and stressed the importance of a relationship with Him.
- The Prophets spoke of the Messiah.
- Jeremiah spoke about events to come then and now.
- He warned that destruction was coming to the southern kingdom unless they repented.
- He told them very specific things:
  - That a nation would be raised up and would destroy Jerusalem
  - Judah would be exiled for 70 years
  - Jeremiah said the Messiah would be Lord – YHWH – Jehovah God
  - He pointed to the Son of God
- Over 300 prophecies about Jesus and He fulfilled them all.

#### Now Jesus enters the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of His ministry

- Jesus went into Jerusalem for Passover.
  - Pool of Bethesda – people thought the waters could make them well.
  - A man crippled for 38 years was laying on a mat.
  - Jesus asked him if he wanted to get well. The man made excuses why he wasn't trying.
  - With just a word, Jesus healed the man.
  - Because it was the Sabbath, the Pharisees had an issue with it.
- The Pharisees did not rejoice over the healing, but focused on their own rules being broken.
- Jesus called God – Father – He was saying He and the Father were One.
  - The Pharisees were outraged.
- Jesus made 5 claims of equality to God:
  - Person
  - Works
  - Power/Sovereignty
  - Judgement
  - Honor
- Jesus was the King from heaven to show the way to heaven Himself.
- Jesus gave a famous discourse in John chapter 5 stating there were 4 witnesses to who He is:
  - John the Baptist
  - Jesus own works and signs
  - His Baptism
  - The very Word of God, the Bible
- *So why was Jesus rejected by the religious officials?*
  - *He was not the kind of king they were expecting.*
  - *They didn't truly love God and want to see God among them.*
  - *They like to be honored among the people.*
  - *They didn't believe the Scriptures.*

- We see Jesus making a point of the Sabbath.
  - Disciples were picking grain on the Sabbath.
    - Once again challenged by Pharisees.
    - Jesus stated, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”
  - Jesus healed a man with a withered hand.
    - The Pharisees again missed the miracle.
    - *Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath?*
- As much as the Pharisees did not recognize Jesus as God, the demons did.
- After all the conflict with the Pharisees, Jesus called the 12 to be His apostles.

### **Homework Discussion – In small groups (30 minutes)**

Choose a few questions ahead of time from each of the five daily studies to discuss in small groups, or you can use the sample questions below.

Study 1: The Healing at Bethesda

- Page 91 - Questions 4, 5, 6

Study 2: Jesus’ Equality with God

- Page 3 - Questions 3, 4

Study 3: The Four Witnesses

- Page 95 – Questions 5, 6, 7, 8

Study 4: Sabbath Questions

- Page 98 – Questions 3, 6, 7

Study 5: Healing on the Sabbath and Choosing the Twelve

- Page 100 – Questions 3, 4, 8, 10

### **Lesson Intro for video: Jesus, Teacher of Righteousness (5 minutes)**

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### **Video Lesson (45 minutes)**

### **Discussion & Table Prayer Requests (20 minutes)**

- What burdens do we carry today that Jesus can bear for us?  
(Make a list at home and pray over them)
- How is grace shown in Jesus’ actions as the Burden Bearer?
- Share prayer requests with your group.

### **Ending Prayer (5 minutes)**