

John 5 – Faith and Healing

These are the leaders notes from the Kielder Bible Study Group for the meeting that was held on 9th October 2012

Recap

Some key points from chapter 4 :-

- Jesus encounter with the Samaritan woman – Jesus' message is for all
- Living water,
- True worship and honesty in worship
- The woman's testimony stirring many to come and seek Jesus
- The coming to real belief by the official whose son is healed by Jesus.

John 5

John has used the first four chapters to introduce Jesus, now he moves on to recall some major amazing events – the first the healing at the pool.

Note the use of the word there is in v2 – this indicates that the Gospel was written before the destruction of Jerusalem

V1-6 Q What were the people doing waiting by the pool?

V7-9 Q What does the man mean by his comments in v7? A He does not know that Jesus was the Messiah.

The thought was that when the water stirred it had healing properties so if the person was in the water then they would be baptised.

v10-13

v14-15 Q What does Jesus' comments to the man mean in v14. A Your body is made whole, but you now need to look after your soul.

Q What did Jesus do that upset the religious authorities? – A Told the man to pick up his mat and carry it on a Sabbath

See Exodus 20 v1-17

v16-18 Q What two points does Jesus say about God in v17 and what are the implications for us today?

A – God is always at work (We need to be open to what God is doing and see it.) & “My Father” This was not what the Jews called God as it was too intimate.

v19-23 v21 – according to the Rabbi's at the time only God can give life see Deuteronomy 32 v39 *See now that I myself am he!*

*There is no god besides me.
I put to death and I bring to life,
I have wounded and I will heal,
and no one can deliver out of my hand.*

2 Kings 5 v4-7 v7 especially

v24-27 Q What two things do we need to do for Life? A Hear & Believe

v28-30

v31-35 Q What does v31 & v32 mean?

v33 mentions the official Jewish delegation that has gone to visit John the Baptist. This is the same one that is mentioned in John 1 19-20

v36-40 in verses 33- 39 there are 4 testimonies or witnesses mentioned – Can we work out who they are?

1. John the Baptist v33
2. The very things God the Father has given Jesus to do – the works of Jesus v36
3. God the Father at Jesus' baptism - v37
4. The scriptures themselves. - v39

V41-47 Q Why does Jesus say what he does in v41? A He does not accept human praise in v44 the Jews wanted human praise but not God's praise.

In v45 Jesus mentions Moses, as the Rabbis took pride in their knowledge of the law and History and Moses was the great Law giver.

Genesis 22:15-18

Numbers 24:17

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Recap

Some key points form the chapter :-

- The miraculous healing of the man at the pool
- The hard hearted Jews who were more concerned with Sabbath-keeping than this healing
- Jesus speaks about his relationship with his Father
- Speaks of the witnesses to him i.e. John the Baptist, his own works, His Father in heaven, the Scriptures
- Challenges the Jews over their unbelief and others as they cannot see God as the Father

It all points to who Jesus was..