

Upon the healing of the helpless man by the pool, Jesus was confronted by the Pharisees over the technical violation of the Sabbath. In the ensuing conversation Jesus gave a comprehensive revelation. He covered both what was happening then locally, and on throughout all time ahead until eternity. John's Gospel is particularly focused on the Son-ship and Deity of Jesus Christ, the relationship of the Father and the Son, and The Purpose they are carrying out together on earth amongst men. Here John recorded Jesus personally giving this revelation. To whom? The religious Jews of the day! Even if they would not receive it then. It is for us as well. Jesus covered all the bases, so to speak, presenting Himself with the Father to them and to us. Unpacking this we learn:

1. He has been given authority to quicken (give life to) whom He will. Eternal life.
2. He has been given exclusive authority to judge whom He will, and as He wills. The Father will not judge anyone.
3. He has the power to carry out all He has authority to do.
4. The power the Jews had attributed to God has been committed to the Son by the Father.
5. God's purpose is that all men should honor the Son as they honor the Father.
6. Those who will not honor the Son are not honoring the Father.
7. God has a specific way for any human being to receive eternal life. (Your way won't work)
8. That way is through simple belief of what the Father has said (v. 24). The Lord Jesus has told us what the Father has said. We need to hear (listen and heed) what Jesus has told us the Father has said.
9. One who heeds and believes receives eternal life immediately. (By definition "eternal life" cannot be taken away or "lost" or it would not be eternal.)
10. Time will not go on always as it has been.
11. The spiritually dead, in v.25, will hear the voice of the **Son of God**. This appears to be an unsought, unexpected call initiated by the Son to an individual who is still in their sins. That call will normally be sent through a "preacher." Romans 10:9-15.
12. Those that hear (heed) shall **live!** (Have eternal life.)
13. That life will be given them by the Son because the Son has life in Himself.
14. The Father has given the Life He has in Himself to the Son to have in Himself.

Colossians 1:19 (DBY) for in him all the fulness [of the Godhead] was pleased to dwell,

15. The Father also has given the Son authority to execute judgement, because He is the "Son of Man." Jesus the Man will be the judge of all. He, being the eternal Son of God, has now become the incarnate (bodily) Son of Man as well.

Romans 1:3 concerning his Son (come of David's seed according to flesh,

16. A set time is coming, "the hour." Marvel not at this. All those who have died will indeed hear the voice of One commanding them to arise. Were His listeners marveling? Are you? (And at least one person in Judea then living would rise from the dead at the command of this Jesus standing before them, Lazarus, ch.11:43.)
17. His final call to resurrection will involve dead people with two destinies. Resurrection of life and resurrection of judgement. In which group are you? There is still time to trust in the Son.
18. The Judge will not judge on His own whim or without sound evidence. He seeks the will of the One who sent Him.
19. The One who sent Him bears witness of Him. Jesus is not simply bearing witness as to who He is. Even though a person is telling the truth, legally a judge can't accept it as sole evidence. Scripturally there must be two or more witnesses to affirm the truth. At Jesus' trial the Jews tried to find witnesses to condemn Him but they couldn't even find two paid false witnesses that could agree. They didn't do any better when He was before Pilate. Look it up.

Note that Jesus' life corresponded perfectly with the mind and will of the Father. People who saw and heard what Jesus was saying and doing were hearing the Father just as fully and accurately as if He had been speaking to them directly from heaven. Even today any who read the record of Jesus' words and deeds are hearing and seeing what the Father has told us of His beloved Son.

Jesus then pointed to additional reliable witnesses.

1. John the Baptist, vv 33-35.
2. The works the Father had given Him to finish, v 36. That is, what He was still going to do while on earth. Examples: repeated witnessing and confronting; signs and miracles; the Last Supper; The Cross; "It is Finished;" conquer death by raising Himself from among the dead; ascend bodily to Heaven; send the Spirit down to the disciples to form His Assembly. THEN: return bodily for His Bride; later return with His Bride; claim the earth as His own for God; reign 1000 years in blessed righteousness; finally destroy Death; introduce New heavens and New earth.
3. The scriptures, only Old Testament at that time, but completing the New, v39.
4. Moses, whose writings they claimed to revere but misinterpreted and abused to glorify themselves. He warned that Moses' writings accused them, Deut. 18:18, vv 45-47.

Jesus also then warned the Jews about their rejection of Him, "the True," who had come in the Father's name. He predicted their acceptance of the false Christ who would come in his own name. They will soon. He is the Man of Sin, the False Prophet, Antichrist, the lawless one, 2Thess. 2. Dan. 11:36 -; 1Jn 2:18; Rev.13:19.