

John 1-12 – Review

The five witnesses, mentioned in chapter five, provide a good outline for our review.

1. John the Baptist
 1. John said that Jesus ranked before him because he was before him. 1:15,30
 2. John said that Jesus was the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. 1:29
 3. John said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. 1:33
2. God the Father
 1. God the Father testified to Jesus at his baptism. 1:33-34
 2. God the Father testified to Jesus at the transfiguration. This is not contained in John but Peter, James and John witnessed the transfiguration where God the Father said “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Matthew 17:1-8
 3. God the Father testified to Jesus when Jesus asked God the Father to glorify His name. God the Father said, “I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.” 12:28
3. Scripture (Matthew has a lot of Old Testament quotations to show how Jesus fulfilled scripture)
 1. “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 2:17 (Psalm 69:9)
 2. “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water’”. 7:38 (Joel 2:28?)
 3. “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt” 12:14-15 (Zechariah 9:9)
4. The works / signs which Jesus accomplished (signs 4 through 6 support “I am” statements)
 1. Changing water to wine at the wedding in Cana. 2:1-11
 2. Healing the son of an official via long distance (Cana to Capernaum). 4:46-54
 3. Healing the man who was lame for 38 years. 5:1-16
 4. Feeding over five thousand people from five loaves of bread and two fish. 6:1-14 (I am the Bread of Life)
 5. Giving sight to a man who was born blind. 9:1-38 (I am the Light of the world)
 6. Raising Lazarus from the dead who had been in the tomb for four days. 11:1-44 (I am the Resurrection and the Life)

5. Jesus Himself

1. "I am" statements

1. I am the Bread of Life. 6:35, 48, 51
2. I am the Light of the World. 8:12
3. I am the Door of the sheep. 10:7, 9
4. I am the Good Shepherd. 10:11, 14
5. I am the Resurrection and the Life. 11:25

2. Statements indicating that Jesus is God

1. He called God his own Father, making himself equal with God. 5:17-18
 2. The Son gives life to whom he will. The Son has life in himself. 5:21, 26
 3. The Father has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. 5:22-23, 27
 4. Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. 8:58
 5. I and the Father are one. I am the Son of God. 10:30, 36
3. When the Samaritan woman spoke of the Messiah, Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." 4:25-26

Jesus spoke of eternal life. Those who truly believed Jesus and received him were promised eternal life.

1. Children of God are those who receive Jesus and believe in him. They are born of God. 1:12-13
2. Jesus told Nicodemus that, to enter the kingdom of God, a person must be born from above, born of the Spirit. 3:1-15
3. Jesus told the woman at the well that he had living water that would become, in a person, a spring of water welling up to eternal life. 4:5-15
4. The healing of the lame man came from Jesus and not from the Pool of Bethesda. Likewise, Jesus told the Pharisees that eternal life is found in Him and not in searching the scriptures (and failing to obey them). 5:2-9, 39-40
5. Jesus is the living Bread who gives eternal life to those who believe. 6:35, 47, 50-51
6. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep that they may have abundant life. 10:10-11, 27-28
7. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in him, though he die, yet shall he live and whoever lives and believes in him will never die. 11:25-26