

The Witnesses To Jesus' Deity

John 5:30-47

Introduction

- While Jesus lived on earth, He made extraordinary claims about Himself including claiming to be equal with God, the Father
- He also warned that unless we believe in Him (his claims), we will die in our sins
- Was Jesus insane? Why should we believe He is who He claimed to be?

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Introduction

- Who are the witnesses Jesus calls to confirm His identity?
- Finally, if we choose to believe in Him based on these witnesses, what must we do to become a Christian and to be faithful as a Christian?

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

Joh 5:5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:8 Jesus *said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk."

Joh 5:9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

Joh 5:10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'"

Joh 5:12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up your pallet and walk'?"

Joh 5:13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:14 Afterward Jesus *found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

Joh 5:15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

Joh 5:17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

Joh 5:21 "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

Joh 5:23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

Joh 5:25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:26 "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

Joh 5:27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

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Jesus Claims To Be The Son of God Equal With The Father

Joh 5:28 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,

Joh 5:29 and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

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Jesus Claimed To Be God

Exo 3:13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

Exo 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

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Jesus Claimed To Be God

Joh 8:56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad."

Joh 8:57 So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

Joh 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

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Jesus Claimed To Be The Messiah (Anointed One of God)

Joh 4:25 The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

Joh 4:26 Jesus *said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

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Jesus Claimed To Be Savior of The World

Joh 12:47 "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

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Jesus Claimed To Be Savior of The World

Joh 8:23 And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

Joh 8:24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

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Jesus Claimed To Be The Perfect Image of The Father

Joh 14:6 Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Joh 14:7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him."

Joh 14:8 Philip *said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

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Jesus Claimed To Be The Perfect Image of The Father

Joh 14:9 Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Joh 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

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Jesus Says We Do Not Have To Rely On His Word Alone

Joh 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Joh 5:31 "If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true.

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Jesus Says We Do Not Have To Rely On His Word Alone

Joh 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Joh 8:13 So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true."

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Jesus Says We Do Not Have To Rely On His Word Alone

Joh 8:14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

Joh 8:15 "You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone.

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Jesus Says We Do Not Have To Rely On His Word Alone

Joh 8:16 "But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me.

Joh 8:17 "Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true.

Joh 8:18 "I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me."

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Jesus Claims To Be

1. The Son of God
2. God
3. The Messiah, Christ, (anointed one of God)
4. The savior of the world
5. The perfect image of the Father
6. But Jesus says we do not have to rely on His word alone

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John The Baptist

Joh 5:32 "There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.

Joh 5:33 "You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

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John The Baptist

Joh 5:34 "But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

Joh 5:35 "He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

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John The Baptist

Mal 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

Mal 4:6 "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

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John The Baptist

Mat 17:9 As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

Mat 17:10 And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

Mat 17:11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

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John The Baptist

Mat 17:12 but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

Mat 17:13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

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John The Baptist

Mar 1:2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY;

Mar 1:3 THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'"

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John The Baptist

Mar 1:6 John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.

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John The Baptist

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Joh 1:15 John *testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

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John The Baptist

Joh 1:29 The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Joh 1:30 "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'

Joh 1:31 "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."

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John The Baptist

Joh 1:32 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

Joh 1:33 "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'

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John The Baptist

Joh 1:34 "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 5:36 "But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish--the very works that I do--testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

Joh 3:2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 10:37 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

Joh 10:38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

Joh 10:39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

Joh 11:2 It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

Joh 11:3 So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

Joh 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

Joh 11:6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was.

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:11 This He said, and after that He *said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep."

Joh 11:17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

Joh 11:22 "Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

Joh 11:23 Jesus *said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:24 Martha *said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

Joh 11:26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:27 She *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

Joh 11:33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They *said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

Joh 11:35 Jesus wept.

Joh 11:41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:42 "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."

Joh 11:43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus *said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Joh 11:45 Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him.

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:47 Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.

Joh 11:48 "If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 11:49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,

Joh 11:50 nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish."

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 12:9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

Joh 12:10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;

Joh 12:11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

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The Works (Miracles) The Father Gave To Jesus

Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

Joh 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

- The third and final witness Jesus called to confirm His identity was again His Father testifying through the Scriptures, inspired writings given by the Holy Spirit
- Over 300 Old Testament prophecies foretold the life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and reign of Christ
- Like today, the Jews were blinded from seeing the Word by their hardness of heart

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

- The New Testament reveals the fulfillment of these prophecies about Jesus
- Not even the apostles understood these prophecies until Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth
- Now, we have the complete Scriptures today, the only source of the gospel for us to hear, believe and obey to be saved

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 5:37 "And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.

Joh 5:38 "You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 5:39 "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;

Joh 5:40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

Joh 5:41 "I do not receive glory from men;

Joh 5:42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 5:43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

Joh 5:44 "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 5:45 "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

Joh 5:46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.

Joh 5:47 "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 12:37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.

Joh 12:38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"

Joh 12:39 For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 12:40 "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM."

Joh 12:41 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 12:42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

Joh 12:43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 12:12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

Joh 12:13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel."

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 12:14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

Joh 12:15 "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

Joh 12:16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Joh 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Joh 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Luk 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Luk 24:46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Luk 24:47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Luk 24:48 "You are witnesses of these things.

Luk 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 3:22 "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.

Act 3:23 'And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 3:24 "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days.

Act 3:25 "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 3:26 "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Act 2:5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Act 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Act 2:32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Act 2:34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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God, The Father, Through The Scriptures

Rev 2:10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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