



Jesus' outstanding statements.

- A. John 5:19-20 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.
- a) Jesus was so in unity with the Father that He did not act independently of Him. He was God-dependent, doing nothing of Himself.
 - b) One reason or secret to that success of Jesus was that what He saw the Father do, whatsoever things He did, these did the Son.
 - c) He did (actions) what He saw (vision) the Father do.
 - i) Note: Vision precedes action. Our actions follow our focus or vision. Seeing requires looking and focus. To change our actions, we need to change our vision.
 - ii) Jesus did not act apart from the Father.
 - iii) What we see and hear triggers what we think, which determines what we do.
 - d) He did not do the things that were only reasonable to Him. He did WHATSOEVER He saw His Abba do.
 - e) If we want to excel, we need to get to this point. We can't just do whatever and turn and ask God to bless it.
 - i) Before we do, we need to see the Father doing that same thing we want to do. If He is not doing it, back off! Pull the plug.

- ii) We need to be doing what we see the Father is doing. Anything we do ought to be what we see the Father doing. Any actions that aren't in line with what the Father is doing must be shunned.

B. John 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

- a) This is one of the strongest arguments of a well-established truth in Scripture: Jesus was and truly is God.
- b) We can't just honor Jesus, but we have to honor Him even as (in like manner or the same way) we honor the Father. If you do not honor Jesus, you have not honored the Father. There is no way around this. You can't dishonor the LORD in an effort to honor the Father. As a matter of fact, you can't even know the Father without Jesus because Jesus reveals the Father to us all.
- c) This is what draws a line and separates true Christianity from the religions of the world. Most religions honor Jesus as a great man (examples: Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, and the Unification Church, etc.) but are violently opposed to making Jesus equal to the Almighty God (1John 2:23).
- d) This scripture also says all men, not just a few but all. If you are a human being, this scripture applies to you. It's speaking to you.

C. John 6:28-29 Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, this is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

- a) This question was a question of performance. Salvation is not a work or performance.
- b) If anything, the work is a work of believing not a work of doing. Believing on Him

D. I am the one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. —John 8:18

- a) Here, Jesus makes a distinction between Himself and the Father and uses Himself and the Father as two different witnesses to fulfill the requirement of Deuteronomy 17:6. Jesus would have been deceiving these Jews if there was no distinction between His Father and Himself; and yet, they are ONE (John 10:30; 1 John 5:7). This is a great mystery, yet a very well-established fact laid out in scripture.
 - b) Note: Jesus did many miracles, but they were not done from the power of His deity. They were done in His humanity by the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38) and putting faith in the Father, just as we must all do. This makes it easier to relate to and understand John 14:12.
- E. John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
- a) Here Jesus proclaims Himself as “I am.” In Exodus 3:14 when God revealed Himself to Moses, He proclaimed and identified Himself as “I AM THAT I AM” and I am.”
 - i) God the Father calls Himself I am (Ex. 3:14), and Jesus calls Himself I am three times (John 8:24, 8:28, 8:58).
 - ii) Jesus was the Great I am of Exodus 3:14, manifest in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16).
 - iii) Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.
 - b) Also, right before His crucifixion in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said, “I am,” and just that statement knocked the 600 men who came to arrest Him backwards to the ground (John 18:6). There was tremendous power in the words I am, just as when it was spoken to Moses (Ex. 3:14).
 - c) Another important part of John 8:24 is that it says, “If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” This verse is saying that failure to believe and acknowledge that Jesus is the “I AM” (God) (Ex. 3:14), then you can’t be saved and shall die in your sins. Why? Because Jesus was God, and if He wasn’t, then you will die in your sins, and all mankind is doomed. Hallelujah! Since He was God, there is hope for mankind. Man can be saved through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - d) If we do not believe that Jesus was God, then we can’t be saved. Jesus in His humanity alone could not save the world. It would be impossible because He had to

be God. If we believe in a “Jesus” lesser than God, we can’t truly be saved. Jesus = God. We can’t have a relationship with God without receiving Jesus.

F. John 8:26-29²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. ²⁸Then said Jesus unto them, when ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

- a) Whatever Jesus spoke, He spoke what he heard the Father speak. He did not just come up with blind words and speak as He chose. He heard the Father speak, and then He spoke.
- b) The father taught Him the things He spoke.

G. John 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? —John 8:46

- a) No one among this mob would find any sin in Jesus’ life. If they would have had any indictment against Jesus, they certainly would have spoken up in response to Jesus’ question.
- b) But God’s Word says that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). The “all” this verse speaks about is all men, but even though Jesus was a man, this verse does not include Him because He never sinned—thus this question, “Which of you convinceth me of sin?”
- c) Many people believe Jesus was a good man. Many people would agree that Jesus did nothing wrong or sinful but very few are willing to believe in Him.
- d) A comparison of these two scriptures reveals that Jesus did not sin. God cannot sin. Because Jesus was God in the flesh (1Tim. 3:16), He never sinned (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15, 7:26). 1 Peter 2:22 says that Jesus did not sin. Although Pilate was not a godly man, he willfully said he had found no fault in this man, Jesus (Luke 23:4, 14-22; Matt. 27:19).

H. John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

- a) Here, Jesus goes on to say that He existed before Abraham and again associated Himself with the great “I am” statement of Exodus 3:14 “And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and he said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.” This statement could leave no doubt that Jesus was claiming deity in the highest sense of the word.
- b) Jesus was the one who created Abraham, He existed before him, and this was an accurate statement.

I. John 10:30 I and my father are one.

- a) Jesus had already received a violent response from the people—the Jews, the scribes and the Pharisees, when He called God His Father (John 5:17-18). They understood that as Him claiming deity. Yet in this verse, He not only calls God His Father but says that He and the Father are one. The word one in this passage is not the regular “one” we commonly use. It means more than singleness of purpose. It denotes a single one to the exclusion of another. Jesus and the Father are ONE.
- b) Note that this was the second time that Jesus claimed deity, and the Jews wanted to stone Him after His statements made in verses 29 through 38. If they had understood His statements to mean that He wasn’t proclaiming His deity, then they would have left Him alone.

J. John 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

(Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. John 14:11)

- a) There is more than one way a person can come to believe on Him. Some believe just at the word of the Lord while others believe through and by miracles, signs, and wonders. Jesus is saying that this is another way people can come to believe in Him. Look at His miracles, signs, and wonders.
- b) Miracles are great witnesses to the power of God, and here Jesus tells the Jews to at least believe the miracles, signs, and wonders He did. Then they would know that He is God (one with the Father) and that Father is in Him, and He is in the Father. He was saying that believing the signs and wonders would open their hearts to believe in who He had said He was, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30).

- c) The Father is in Jesus, and Jesus is in Him. This is expressing a great degree of unity. I can't even find the right words to explain it. John 10:30 sums it up.
- K. John 13:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
- a) This is another powerful passage in line with all my other statements. Here, Jesus continues to emphasize that receiving Him is receiving God the Father who sent Him. Jesus was equal to the Father (John 10:30). Receiving Him is equivalent to receiving the Father because they are one (John 10:30, 14:6-7).
 - b) Denying Jesus is denying God. Acknowledging Jesus is acknowledging God (1John 2:23). Hating Jesus is hating God (John 15:23). Honoring Jesus is honoring God (John 5:23) because Jesus is God and is equal to God the Father.
- L. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- a) Jesus did not say He was away, a truth and a life. No! He claimed to be the Way, the Truth and the Life.
 - b) This leaves no room for other means of salvation. This statement leaves no alternatives. Any religion that doesn't acknowledge Jesus as the ONLY way of salvation is in error and false.
 - c) The word the is a definite article. Jesus is not just the way...FULL STOP. He is also the truth and the life. If Jesus is not the LORD of your life, you have missed the truth. Jesus= Truth.
 - d) Notice also that it says, "NO man comes to the Father except through Jesus." If Jesus is not the Lord of your life, you have missed God. I don't care if you say you "believe in God." If you reject Jesus, you have rejected the True Life. Jesus= Life. No Jesus, no life.
- M. John 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
(John 8:19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.)

- a) This did not say that “if ye had known the Father, you would have known Jesus.” Why? Because you cannot know the Father until you know Jesus First.
- b) Jesus also said that if they had known Him, they would have known the Father as well. Knowing Jesus is knowing the Father. This establishes that Jesus was God and that Jesus and the Father are ONE, just as John 10:30 says. This is saying that a person who doesn’t know (have a personal relationship with) Jesus, doesn’t know the Father.
- c) Anyone who says that you can have a relationship with God the Father without first believing on God the Son, Jesus Christ, such as Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Unification Church, Mormons, Jesuits, the Unity Church, Islam, and many others, is teaching error and has the spirit of anti-Christ. (1John 4:3; 2John 7-9).
- d) Jesus is the way to the Father, not “a way.” There is no short cut. If you don’t believe and receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you cannot claim to have or know the Father. If you let Jesus in, the Father comes in along with Him, but you can’t let the Father in without letting in Jesus.
- e) This verse also clearly shows that knowing Jesus is knowing the Father. This is not only because Jesus did what He saw the Father do, but because He was God in the flesh—God with us. Knowing Jesus equates to knowing the Father because they are one, but you can’t know the Father without knowing Jesus first.
 - i) In other words, this relationship starts with Jesus before it goes to the Father. Anyone who tries bypassing Jesus is joking. If you know Jesus, you will know the Father.

Until you are in a relationship with Jesus, you can’t have a relationship with God the Father. Jesus is the door to a relationship with the Father.

- f) Again, Knowing Jesus= Knowing the Father. However, knowing the Father does not equal knowing Jesus because you can’t know the Father unless you first know Jesus.

N. John 14:28for my Father is greater than I.

- a) Jesus was in union with the Father, and this statement should not be viewed as a contradiction but in harmony with other scriptures.

- b) It's important to understand that the word greater was only used in reference to the humanity of Jesus, not His deity. At the deity level, God the Father is not greater than God the Son; they are equal. God the Father, God the Holy Ghost, and God the Son are all equally God. None is inferior to the other.
- c) When we look at Philippians 2:6-8 it says that Jesus did not think it was unjust to be equal with God. Why did He think that way? Because He was equal with God. Yet, He humbled Himself and became a human. Jesus was equal in His divine nature but made Himself inferior to the Father in regard to His humanity.
- d) When Jesus became human, He did not lose His deity, but His deity was now clothed and concealed in the flesh (a human body), which has certain limitations. In this sense, the Father was greater than Jesus because He was not subject to a physical body as Jesus was. The physical part of Jesus was subject to limitations, but not His spiritual, divine nature.

O. John 15:23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

- a) Oh boy, this is a powerful verse! How many religions or people hate Jesus, yet claim to be in relationship with God? This is one more verse in a list of scriptures in which Jesus equated any form of rejection of Him or who He claimed as the rejection of God the Father.
- b) Say it like this: Rejecting or Hating Jesus = Rejecting or Hating the Father. Any group or religion that claims to have access to God the Father without exalting Jesus to an equal position is completely deceived. Hating Jesus is hating God because Jesus is God and equal to the Father (John 10:30; Phil. 2:6).
- c) Anyone that hates Jesus equally hates the Father. People, who say that they believe in God but totally cannot stand Jesus, do not believe in the True God. Jesus and God, the Father are one. You can't love One and hate the Other.
 - i) Furthermore, you can't even have a relationship with the Godhead unless you have one with Jesus. Jesus is the door to the Godhead.