

Sir, We Would See
Jesus

-JOHN 12:21, #1

I. Show the context of the statement

A. The phrase “came up to worship at the feast” is indicative of the manner, or custom of these Greeks!

B. The Greek word for “see” means they wanted to have understanding of some things about the Lord!

C. The context is suggestive of these Greeks wanting to know about salvation-see verses 24-33.

D. It is difficult for me not to believe that these Greeks became disciples of the Lord!

II. Let's see some important things about the Lord in this lesson!

A. The Lord was eternal!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made”-John 1:1-3.

*“Truly, truly, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am”-
John 8:58.*

A more exhaustive translation would be, “Truly, truly, I say unto you, Before Abraham came into being, I already existed!”

The record about Christ does not begin in time; He has always existed, and before His incarnation, He existed as THE ETERNAL WORD!!

B. The Lord was born of a virgin!

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife.

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS”-Matthew 1:18- 25.

NOTE: Matthew, the inspired writer goes to the extremes to emphasize the fact that Mary was a virgin and that Jesus was not an illegitimate child inasmuch as Mary’s conception was by the Holy Spirit!

OF THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST, JOHN SAYS:

“And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth”-John 1:14.

See also Philippians 2:5-8.

C. The Lord came to be the Saviour!

*“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins”-
Matthew 1:21.*

“Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

*For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost”-
Matthew 18:10 & 11.*

“For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which is lost”-Luke 19:10.

*“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief”
-I Timothy 1:15.*

“For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found”-Luke 15:24. See also verse 32.

NOTE: From the verses in the record of the prodigal son, we learn that being lost is the same as being spiritually dead; and being found is the same as being alive spiritually!

D. The Lord demonstrated His divinity by the miracles which He performed!

1. Nicodemus said, “*Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him”-John 3:2.*

“*Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did*”-John 2:23.

2. Even the Pharisees (His perennial enemies) acknowledged the Lord’s power to cast out demons!

“*Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.*

And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

*But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, this fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelezebub, the prince of devils”
-Matthew 12:22-24.*

Please notice this important point: Though the Pharisees assigned the power for the miracle to Satan, they acknowledged the miracle!

This is powerful, powerful testimony!

3. Even the Sanhedrin Council (the highest Jewish Court which called for the Lord’s death) acknowledged that the Lord had performed “many miracles!”

“But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? For this man doeth many miracles”-John 11:46 & 47.

Here is an open acknowledgement from the Sanhedrin Council that Jesus worked “many miracles!”

This statement comes after the resurrection of Lazarus by the Lord after he had been dead 4 days-see John 11:39-45.

THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD WORKING MIRACLES WAS TO ESTABLISH HIS DIVINITY, AND TO DEMONSTRATE HIS POWER TO FORGIVE SINS!!

“And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he sayeth to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house glorifying God”-Luke 5:20-25.

EVERY MIRACLE PERFORMED BY THE LORD DEMONSTRATED HIS DEITY AND HIS POWER TO FORGIVE SINS!!

III. Here’s what we’ve seen from God’s word this morning:

A. Christ was/is eternal!

B. He was born of a virgin!

C. He came to be the Saviour!

D. He demonstrated His divinity and His power to forgive sins by performing miracles!

HE WOULD LIKE TO FORGIVE YOUR SINS THIS MORNING!!

Here's what He said about salvation:

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen”-Matthew 28:19 & 20.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”-Mark 16:15 & 16.