

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: AUTHORITY SUBSTANTIATED

Main Text: John 5:19-47

Sermon Description: The original question brought to Jesus in Mat 21 with respect to His authority triggers an exchange running all the way through chapter 22. The question asked by the chief priests and elders was: “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” In this chapter of Matthew's gospel Jesus does not answer the question directly, instead He deftly turns the tables of cross examination back onto the religious leaders. However, by the end of chapter 22, Jesus alludes to the answer by implication when He asks the Pharisees: “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He? (and if He is the Son of David) “how is it then that David in the Spirit calls Him Lord?” (Mt 22:42-43) The inference of Jesus' query touches on all three major points of today's message from John 5. On this occasion in John's gospel, Jesus gives a direct and thorough answer to the scribes and elder's original question. Here in no uncertain terms, He reveals His standing and power to both declare and execute the woes and judgements of Matthew chapters 23-25. Like the reference to Ps 110 in Mat 22 in passing, here the nature of the Godhead is explicitly elucidated along with the office of the Son of Man alongside the prophetic context of the Old Testament scriptures. Today's message will serve to illustrate the symphonic harmony of the Gospels.

Heading: JESUS SUBSTANTIATES HIS AUTHORITY BY APPEALING TO....

1. THE GODHEAD IN COVENANT (John 5:19-24)

- a. Unified in purpose (5:19-21,14:1-11) b. Specified roles (5:20-22) c. Commanding worship (5:20,23-24)

2. TIMELESS SOVEREIGNTY (5:25-29)

- a. Author of time (25,28) b. Transcending death (25-29, Mt 27) c. Eternal judge (27, 22, Mk 14:62)

3. MULTIPLE WITNESSES (5:30-47)

- a. John the Baptist (30-35) b. The Father (36-38) c. Preceding scriptures (39,45-47)

Close: The most central scripture to our text today is John 5:24. Here is the gospel in compact form touching on all three points of our message today. “Whoever hears my word...” – listen to the manifold witness. “Believes Him who sent me...” – behold the Father's salvation plan in the covenant of redemption. “Has passed from death to life...” – let us worship the Timeless Sovereign!

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Father revealed	Theme: Godhead covenant	Theme: Timeless sovereignty	Theme: Sabbath & history	Theme: 3 witnesses	Theme: Gospel summary
Verses: Jn 14:1-11	Verses: Jn 5:19-24	Verses: Jn 5:25-29	Verses: Heb 4	Verses: Jn 5:30-47	Verses: Jn 5:24

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Heb 4:11-17 (Communion Sunday) ...attainable perfection...