

JESUS THE MESSIAH.

"That ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ - (the Messiah)." Jno. 20:31

I. Why John Wrote His Gospel - To induce belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. - 20:31.

1. A Purposeful Biography.

- A. Dr. Marcus Dods: "In the whole realm of literature there is no composition which is a more perfect work of art or which more rigidly excludes whatever does not serve its main end."
- B. Everything in this gospel is recorded to prove the deity of Jesus who came as God's Anointed Son to be the promised Messiah and Redeemer.

2. A High and Worthy Purpose.

- A. Other works of lit. - devoted to various purposes - some noble, others trivial.
- B. The greatest thing in the world is the Redemption of the world.

III. How John Proves His Point.

- A. He accomplishes his point by reproducing in his gospel those manifestations of Christ's glory which elicited faith in the first disciples and in others.

B. The Witnesses He Summons

1. His Father - (a) At Baptism (b) crucifixion
2. His own witness - (a) In teachings & discourses (b) During the trial. (c) at the hour of death.
3. Scripture - (a) Moses (b) Psalms (c) Prophets
4. John the Baptist - (a) that Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy. (b) that He was the savior.

5. His Friends. (a) ch. 1. Andrew, Simon, Philip, Nathaniel, (b) ch. 2. the noblemen of Cana, (c) ch. 3. Nicodemus, (d) ch. 4. the Samaritans, (e) the blind man who was healed. (f) the multitudes who heard him.
6. His Enemies. (a) the arresting officer (b) Caiaphas (c) Pilate.
7. The Holy Spirit. (a) at his baptism (b) the Comforter would hear witness after his departure. ch. 14-16.
8. His Works - (a) "the works that I do" (b) first sign in Cana. (c) Res. of Lazarus (d) all his miracles were "signs". (e) His ministering works were signs as well as were the miracles.

III. What Happens When One Puts his Faith in Jesus? He Has LIFE - (20:31)

- A. Spiritual life - dead in trespasses & sins.
- B. Eternal life - they shall never perish.