

John 10:34-42 & 11:1-14

34-38. Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, '**I said, "You are gods"**'? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of **Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world**, "You are blaspheming," because I said, "I am the Son of God"? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, though you do not believe Me, **BELIEVE the WORKS**, that you may know and believe that **the FATHER is IN Me, and I in HIM**."

- **Psalm 82:1-2 & 6-7** "God stands in the congregation of the _____; He judges among the _____. How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?" "I said, 'You are _____, and all of you are _____ of the Most High. But you shall _____ like _____, and fall like one of the princes.'"

Definition: "I said, 'You are GODS'" - In Psalm 82, God is talking about the Judges and prophets in the Old Testament, mighty men, men to whom the word of God was given. The word translated "gods" is "elohim" in the Hebrew, and means literally, "MIGHTY ONES." It is **usually used in the Old Testament to mean "God"**, but can also mean angels, and in this case, "mighty" human beings. We human beings were originally made in the image of God, but we are warped, damaged, fallen and disfigured by sin. If God could call these warped and fallen men "gods" or mighty ones, how much more could Jesus use that term for Himself?

Definition: "HIM whom the Father SANCTIFIED" - How much GREATER is Jesus than the ones to whom the Law was given? He was set apart by the Father, and sent into the world as the "Anointed One" - the Christ, the Messiah. "Sanctified" means SET APART, and the word "sanctified" here is the same as "sealed" in John 6:27. The miracles and signs that Jesus did were God's SEAL of APPROVAL or SEAL of AUTHENTICITY, His credentials or PROOF that He was the Messiah sent from God!

- **John 6:27** "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to _____, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the _____ has set His _____ on Him."
- **John 14:10** "Do you not believe that I am in the _____, and the Father in _____? The words that I speak to you I do _____ speak on My _____ authority; but the _____ who _____ in Me _____ the _____."

39-42. Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. Then many **came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John SPOKE about this Man were true."** And **MANY BELIEVED IN HIM there.**

- **John 1:26-31** "John answered them, saying, 'I baptize with _____, but there stands _____ among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is _____ before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.' These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day _____ saw _____ coming toward him, and he said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who _____ the sin of the world! This is _____ of whom I _____, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me. I did not know Him; but that He should be _____ to Israel, I came baptizing with water'"

Definition: "John performed NO SIGN" "John SPOKE about this Man" - Again, we see **how important the SPOKEN WORD is**, and how relatively unimportant are miracles, signs and wonders. Yes, Jesus did miracles and signs to **prove He was the Messiah**, but **WE DON'T NEED miracles**, signs and wonders for people to BELIEVE and **have FAITH in Jesus**.

- **Romans 10:17** "So then _____ comes by _____, and hearing by the _____ of _____."

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

- **Luke 10:38-39** "Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain _____; and a certain woman named _____ welcomed Him into her _____. And she had a _____ called _____, who also sat at Jesus' feet and _____ His _____."

2-4. It was that **Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair**, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." When Jesus heard that, He said, "**This sickness is not unto death**, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

- **Matthew 26:6-7** "And when Jesus was in _____ at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table."
- **Read Luke 7:36-50** (Verses 37-39 "And behold, a _____ in the city who was a _____, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His _____ with her _____, and _____ them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and _____ them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, 'This man, if He were a _____, would know _____ and what manner of _____ this is who is touching Him, for she is a _____.'" (Verse 47) "Therefore I say to you, her _____, which are _____, are _____, for she loved [Me] much. But to whom little is _____, the same loves [Me] _____."

Definition: "Mary anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair" - There are TWO INSTANCES when a woman wiped Jesus' feet with her hair and anointed Him with perfumed oil: in Luke 7:36-50, in the Pharisee's house, and in Matthew 26:6-7, in Simon the Leper's house. We are not told who the first woman was, except that she was a "sinner" (possibly a prostitute). The time Mary did it was just a few days before the crucifixion (see also Mark 14:1-9, John 12:1-8), and Jesus said **she meant it in preparation of His burial**. It is interesting that Mary seems to be the only one who understands what Jesus is about to go through. **Why do you think Mary understood the SIGNIFICANCE** of what Jesus had taught them about His coming death and resurrection? Because Luke 10:38-39 tells us that **Mary was the one who SAT at JESUS' FEET and HEARD His WORD**.

5-8. Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick, **He stayed two more days in the place where He was**. Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"

- **John 10:39-40** "Therefore they sought again to _____ Him, but He _____ out of their hand. And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the _____ where John was baptizing at first, and there He _____."

Definition: "He STAYED TWO MORE DAYS in the place where He was" - Jesus had gone out to the desert, by the Jordan River, to get away from the angry mob in Jerusalem. Why didn't Jesus HURRY to be with Lazarus, and heal him? It was NOT because Jesus was afraid, but rather that the timing had to be just right. Jesus STAYED two days, plus the time it would take to TRAVEL to Bethany, so that Lazarus would DIE, and everyone would know that Lazarus was TRULY DEAD, so that Jesus could raise him from the dead. **Jesus knew exactly what He was going to do**, and that is why He said, **"This sickness is not unto death**, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it," because He would be glorified by the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

9-10. Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? **If anyone WALKS in the DAY, he does not STUMBLE**, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

- **Proverbs 4:18-19** "But the _____ of the just (righteous) is like the shining _____, that _____ ever brighter unto the perfect day. The _____ of the _____ is like _____; they do not _____ what makes them _____."

Definition: "If anyone WALKS in the DAY" - Jesus is speaking figuratively, using "the DAY" to represent **the LIGHT of being in God's WILL**. Jesus KNEW He was in the perfect will of God the Father, and that **everything was planned right down to the moment and the day** for the upcoming events: His arrest, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. When we know we are in God's will and DOING His will, we can TRUST Him to protect us, guide us, and work out every circumstance of our lives for our good. **The person who is STUMBLING around in life** has NOT yet put their life in God's hands completely.

- **Ephesians 5:8** "For you were once _____, but _____ you are _____ in the _____ . _____ as children of _____."
- **Romans 13:12-13** "The _____ is far spent, the _____ is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of _____, and let us put on the armor of _____. Let us WALK (conduct our lives) properly, as in the _____, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in licentiousness and lewdness, not in strife and envy, but _____ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."
- **I John 1:5-7** "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, tha