

JESUS AUTHORITY

WEEK 6

12. Is it not written in your law, "I said, 'You are god'"?

13. 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"?

John 10:34-38

34 Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, I said, you are gods? 35 If He called those whom the word of God came to 'gods'-and the Scripture cannot be broken- 36 do you say, 'You are blaspheming' to the One the Father set apart and sent into the world, because I said: I am the Son of God? 37 If I am not doing My Father's works, don't believe Me. 38 But if I am doing them and you don't believe Me, believe the works. This way you will know and understand that the Father is in Me and I in the Father." John 10:34-39 (HCSB)

34 Jesus said, "I'm only quoting your inspired Scriptures, where God said, 'I tell you- you are gods.' 35 If God called your ancestors 'gods'- and Scripture doesn't lie- 36 why do you yell, 'Blasphemer! Blasphemer!' at the unique One the Father consecrated and sent into the world, just because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? 37 If I don't do the things my Father does, well and good; don't believe me. 38 But if I am doing them, put aside for a moment what you hear me say about myself and just take the evidence of the actions that are right before your eyes. Then perhaps things will come together for you, and you'll see that not only are we doing the same thing; we *are* the same- Father and Son. He is in me; I am in him." John 10:34-38 (The Message)

Reflections:

There are many people today who can't believe in Jesus because they can't see him or recognize His authority. Although, the religious leaders of Jesus' day could see him, they also did not recognize His authority. Were the miracles of Jesus not enough to convince them? If you had witnessed those same miracles today, would you believe in Jesus or would you be skeptical like the Pharisees?

Jesus asked for the religious leaders to put aside what he said about himself and take a look at the evidence of his actions. When you look at the actions of Jesus, what do you see...holiness, righteousness, serving, giving, healing, loving? We know from scripture that Jesus experienced all of the same temptations that we did, yet he did not sin.

The grace that Jesus brought to each of us through His sacrifice, makes me realize that at the times of my greatest doubt, I can still believe that Jesus is who he said he was. Even though I haven't seen Him, I have experienced His grace and provision in my own life. That can't be denied.

Questions to Ponder:

- a. What evidence do you need to trust the authority of Jesus?
- b. Why do you think the religious leaders of Jesus' day was so skeptical of His authority?
- c. If you had seen the miracles of Jesus, how would it have affected your belief?

Prayer

Lord, I pray that you might help our unbelief and make us strong to face our fears. Amen.