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 ${\mathcal W}$ elcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Having previously healed the infirm man at the pool of Bethesda within Jerusalem, Jesus now concludes the resulting confrontation at the Temple against the Pharisee's with these parting comments.

The Lord now testifies as too the complete 7 fold Testimony of Him being  $T\underline{h}e$  Christ. (7 = Perfect Spiritual completeness)

So now my friends lets begin and end with Christ quoting His sources of Testimony concerning His Deity actually born within His humanity:

引 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. John 5:31 ESV

1<sup>st</sup> H<u>imse</u>lf. We today call this tooting your own horn, as such most of us automatically dismiss someone making claims of importance when obviously this would only benefit them as the end result. Normally someone can not legally verify their assertions or efforts without another as outside proof.

This is Why? When over and over the Jewish authorities would confront Christ by saying 'by whose authority do you do these things?" (as in oppose them, heal, & forgive) Jesus would time and again always answer the same. "It is not by my Will, but of My Father"- His Desire. (Jehovah Almighty) Meaning the Plan of the Great I AM.

## Continuing

There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true. <sup>33</sup> You have sent messengers to John, and he has testified to the truth. <sup>34</sup> But the testimony I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was the lamp that was burning and shining, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

John 5:32-35 NASB

2<sup>nd</sup> John the Baptist. Technically speaking the Baptizer was actually the last of whom we would call an Old Testament Prophet. Because he spoke & prophesized and died before Jesus went to the cross. John's popularity had skyrocketed even higher with his arrest by Herod Antipas, and of course John had predicted the arrival of Messiah. Now Jesus was here-healing, preaching, & teaching.

Jesus knew the Pharisee's understood that John the Baptist was a Prophet from GOD. As such they had quizzed & queried John as well with the end result being John's endorsement of Jesus as Christ Messiah.

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But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

John 5:36 KJV

3<sup>rd</sup> H<u>is Works</u>. Jesus is now reminding the Pharisee's that the actual healings that He does are real. Not just a false hope like the pool of Bethesda which He gives without cost. By Christ's Divine nature and Jesus's Sinless character. Remember when Jesus spoke with Nicodemus who was considered to be the greatest teacher of GOD'S Law within Israel (John 3:2) Nicodemus makes the statement that it is clearly evident that only a man sent by GOD could these Divine miracles of healing be taking place. Again the miracles of Christ were not just to prove Jesus as a miracle worker, but are evidence of His Deity proving His Words contain Divinity.

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And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness to me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen; <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe him whom he has sent.

John 5: 37-38 RSV

4<sup>th</sup> H<u>is Fathe</u>r. As in Almighty Jehovah's voice being heard from Heaven endorsing Him- Jesus, as The Christ. At Jesus's Baptism by John the Baptist, (Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22 & Matthew 3:17) Additionally the Scriptures record twice more when Heavenly Father will speak out audibly in endorsement of Jesus being the living human Son of GOD. As Lord & King Messiah Christ. Again upon the Mount of Transfiguration: (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7, & Luke 9:35) With a final time at what will become known as Christ's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem as King

and Savior. (John 12:28)

### Continuing

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

John 5:39-40 NIV

( Pharisee's had to memorize these texts: )

5<sup>th</sup> The Scriptures. As in Messianic Prophecy of the coming Messiah.

All of the Gospels do contain fulfillment of Old Testament Messianic Prophecy.

Here below are a few fulfilled within John's Gospel by which anyone can compare back to the Prophets. Remember each of these are fulfilled to the letter hundreds if not thousands of years later.

John 1:23 = Isaiah 40:3- John the Baptist.

- 1:41 = Daniel 9:25 & Habakkuk 3:13- details of the exact time of Messiah and His eventual death.
- 1:51 = Genesis 28:12- Angels to ascend and descend from Heaven for Christ using Jacobs Ladder.
- 2:17 = Psalm 69:9- Jesus's zeal for His Fathers house, Temple in Jerusalem.
- 3:14 = Numbers 21:9- Christ to be lifted up as the ultimate willing sacrifice payment for Sin before GOD.
- 6:31 = Exodus 16:4 & Nehemiah 9:15- Jesus also literally manifested bread from Heaven.
- 6:45 = Isaiah 54:13- People Adults & Children alike taught in person by GOD. (Jesus)
- 7:38 = Isaiah 44:3, 55:1, & 58:11- Promise of the indwelling of GOD- The Holy Spirit for those in Christ.
- 7:42 = Micah 5:2- Where Messiah was to be born- Bethlehem. Only GOD can determine His own birth.
- 12:15 = Zechariah 9:9- Details and predictions fulfilled with Jesus's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- 12:38 = Isaiah 6:10- Even though they see & hear, many do not perceive nor wish to believe.
- 13:18 = Psalm 41:9- Prediction of a selfish sinful betrayer fulfilled willingly in detail by Judas Iscariot.
- 19:24 = Psalm 22:18- Details of the crucifixion hundreds of years before its invention & fulfillment.
- 19:28 = Psalm 69:21- Additional specific crucifixion details predicted and fulfilled by Jesus.
- 20:9 = The entirety of Jesus Life & Sacrifice as GOD'S Messiah for Sin, so we can get in- into Heaven.

#### Continuing

6<sup>th</sup> The Holy Spirit. After the cross and on that first Pentecost- after Jesus's ascension into Heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent to indwell- thusly Sealing every Christ believer by GOD, in GOD, for GOD forever.

7<sup>th</sup> T<u>he Apostle</u>s. Think about it- not only were the Apostles, His Disciples, the future Church; anyone believing in Christ hiding in fear prior to the Holy Spirit's arrival; the very instant the Holy Spirit filled the body of Christ, His Believers, they immediately without any fear or shame quit hiding in the upper room & went out into the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim Jesus's Holy name. & have done so ever since.