"The Last Chance" **Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John**

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## ****John 10:31-42 (ESV)****

**31**The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. **32**Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”**33**The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” **34**Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? **35**If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— **36**do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? **37**If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; **38**but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” **39**Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

**40**He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. **41**And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” **42**And many believed in him there.

**1) His claims evoke a personal response—You have most likely already said it by your actions and words: He is a liar, I will ignore Him or He is Lord and a must/will follow Him. (v 31-33)**

**Philippians 2:5b-8**

Christ Jesus, **6**who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8**And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**2) He challenges our minds and our hearts to go back to the Word and to see with eyes of faith (v 34-38)**

**Psalm 82:1-3**

God has taken his place in the divine council;  
    in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:  
**2**“How long will you judge unjustly  
    and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*  
**3**Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;  
    maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

**Psalm 82:1-3**

**6**I said, “You are gods,  
    sons of the Most High, all of you;  
**7**nevertheless, like men you shall die,  
    and fall like any prince.”

**3) Patiently sharing our testimony while always pointing others to Jesus may result in belief by others (v 39-42)**