***John 10:37-38 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38but 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.”***

Today, we’ll continue our look at belief. We know that the people of Jesus own country and in His own hometown believed in His ability, but not in His identity. His Divinity was in question and the world still questions today.

Jesus doesn’t leave this point open to our opinions. In John 10:30, He says - *I and My Father are one.* In John 14:9, Jesus says to Philip “*He who has seen Me has seen the Father*” In John 1:1 we read *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* It doesn’t get any clearer than that… yet, here we are in our verses this morning. I’m staying on this subject, though we’ve looked at it the last two weeks, because the problem is not isolated to the people of old. This issue of Who Jesus Is remains today and our very eternal life hangs in the balance of the question Jesus asked in Matthew 16:15 *He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?* We must have this clear answer in our heart with no hesitation - Simon Peter answered and said, “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*. Who do we say Jesus Is? A teacher, a prophet, a healer, a counselor, a rabbi… none of that will get us to Heaven. We must not just believe in His ability. We must know His Identity… His Divinity – You are the Christ! The Son of the living God. Do you know Jesus this morning?

Today, we’re with Jesus at the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem. It’s winter. He’s at Solomon’s Porch. Massive white columns stretch to the ceiling and the Temple is clearly visible across the courtyard. The Jews have surrounded Him demanding – If You are the Christ, tell us plainly. He answers – *I and My Father are One*. Yet, they still don’t believe, but seek to stone Him.

We now pick up the Logos – Jesus Himself, the very Word of God, The Truth, using logic and appealing to reason. Verse 37 *If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me****.*** What works? Healing the sick, the possessed, the blind, the deaf, the leprous, the lame, feeding 5000, walking on water, calming the storm, raising the dead, doing so often in front of multitudes. Jesus was no undercover Messiah. He was public and prolific. He says – If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me.

My friends, He says the same today. If He’s not healing, feeding, calming, and raising the spiritually dead into eternal life through Salvation, do not believe Him. But He is. We see it all the time. Witnesses abound. He is still public. He is still prolific. He is still no Secret Jesus and we must not be silent and try to make Him so.

Verse 38 *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.* If you don’t see My Father’s works I do, don’t believe Me. But, if you do, though your hardened heart rejects Jesus, believe the works. You may reject Me, until you see the works, then you can no longer reject Me, because the miracles make it undeniable Who I Am. I Am the Christ, the very Son of the Living God. Jesus is saying – trust the evidence and you will see Me. He is appealing to logic and not emotion. He says, test My works and you will know. In Luke 6:43-44, Jesus says - *For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.*He was telling these Jews, gathered around, ready to kill Him – test My fruit and you will see the Father.

But they did not see… because they did not want to see. Their hearts were deceived. They possessed an evil heart of unbelief. Their hearts demanded that they deny His Divinity no matter the works, no matter the miracles all around them. They did not believe, because they did not want to believe.

And so it is today. Some sitting outside the church and some sitting inside the church. They know of Jesus. but they don’t KNOW Jesus. They’ve heard of the healings and the feedings. He is still PUBLIC and He is still PROLIFIC. There are witnesses all around and still some only know of Him. Do we believe His ability, but do we trust His Divinity? Do we trust Him only as far as a backache, a past due bill, a bad diagnosis, or protection in a scary situation? Or are we all in – In love with Him and ready to do whatever He directs wherever He leads? Too many are sold out for His ability. Not enough are all in for His Divinity. Because, if we believe He is truly Who He says He Is, then we must surrender to Him as Master. When we surrender, we must submit. When we submit, we must serve. And that might mean we must live our life for Him and not for Self.

This week, Jesus says - If you’ve not seen, then don’t believe. But friends, we have seen, we have heard, we have experienced. We cannot deny. We know His identity. We’ve seen His Divinity. He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And He is asking Will you believe this morning?