

The Power of Jesus' Words, by Daniel E Bourque © 2019

At Peter's confession, (in the synoptic Gospels; Matt, Mark and Luke of the New Testament), as he declares Jesus as the Son of the living God, Jesus replies, "*Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in Heaven,...*" Matt 16, 13-23; then he strictly charges them to tell no one,...(mind you!,...to tell **no one**,!!). After his transfiguration, Luke 9; 28-36 a short time after, in that episode he repeats this again. He often tells many he healed, the same thing.

Half of John's Gospel conflicts with Jesus' profile!! For the root of his teaching was, "By their fruits you shall know them", meaning the misguided leadership from their own religious rulers, Matt 7; 13-23 and Luke 6; 43-45. He is included in that statement, for as it is with wisdom, it works **both** ways. His teachings and actions beamed of **his** fruits. Of course, it became evident who he was! He did not have to *declare* it, as noted in Peter's confession above.

You'll find this humble approach also taught in the wisdom books, (3rd section), of the Old Testament, Protestant and Catholic alike, also highly regarded by the Jews. He even referred to himself as the Son of Man 12 times in John's work, much the same way he did in the other three Gospels, which makes his Gospel very inconsistent! Even John's episode of a cold mindset to the 'Man born blind' John 9; 1-34, parallels with 'Jesus and Beelzebub', found in the other three; Matt 12; 22-27; Mark 3; 22; Luke 11; 15-19.

This find became known during an experimental integrating of the four Gospels into one progressive narrative. Two writing styles were realized within John's same Gospel. Half were of a narrative style; the other half were of an exalting or glorifying nature. That second half also suggested a later addition to an original writing.

But this was still only supposition. When research was performed to either *confirm* or *deny* this find, several sources were *already* 'aware' of a second writer, but theologians were unable to identify or realign the confusion. We are talking about a huge undertaking. However, that experimental integration effort, presented in 'Biblical Spotlight', *uncovered* an interesting 'real' **power** amid Jesus' words, much of which, is still unrealized today.

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