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For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

4-13-2015 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – Forgives Sins

1 John 3:4 says, "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."

Since sin is the violating of God's Law, only God can forgive sin. Jesus said a miracle showed He had "power on earth to forgive sins" and then healed a paralyzed man instantly ([Mark 2:1-12](#)). No Apostle or church of Christ was ever to "forgive sins," but they preached Jesus Christ as "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ([John 1:29](#)) No one today has the right either to claim to forgive sins with "works of penance," or make up their own rules on how to be forgiven by God with "a sinner's prayer!" Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." ([Mark 16:16](#))

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4-14-2015 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – Speaks Boldly

Whether Jesus preached that great Sermon on the mount, or in Capernaum's synagogue:

The people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ([Matthew 7:28-29](#); [Mark 1:22](#))

There is a difference between preaching what one knows about the Scriptures, and preaching as an author of the Scriptures. Jesus said,

"The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works." ([John 14:10](#))

No church or preacher today has been given that same boldness to change or privately interpret the Word of God.



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But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? ([John 7:26](#))

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**4-15-2015 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – Came From Heaven**

No religious leader, prophet, preacher, Imam, priest, or guru has claimed to be God and proved it, but Jesus did. Jesus said of God,

"But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."  
([John 7:27-29](#))

Jesus knew that:

He had come from God and was going to God. ([John 13:3](#))

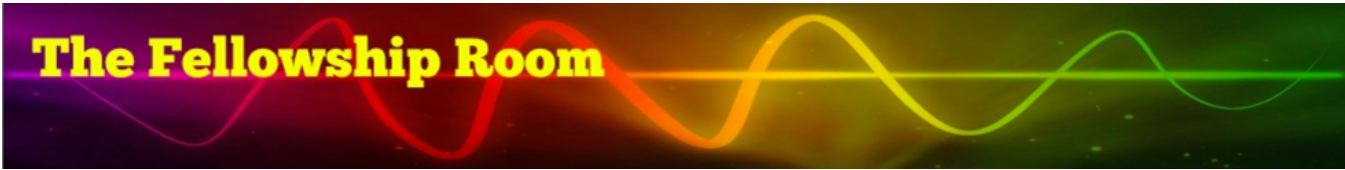
Jesus said to men,

"You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." ([John 8:23-24](#))

Jesus' words, and God's works prove God's claim that "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" ([Matthew 17:5](#))

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4-16-2015 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – Miracle Worker

[Even] the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, 'What shall we do? For this Man works many signs.'
([John 11:47](#))

If miracles prove His claim, the number and power of them is overwhelming. In one chapter of Matthew alone (the 8th) Jesus heals: a leper, a paralyzed man, Peter's mother-in-law's fever; cast out demons "with a word; stopped a storm on the sea; and cast out so many demons, it drowned about 2000 swine. It's no wonder, then, that:

Many of the people believed in Him, and said, 'When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?' ([John 7:31](#))

No one else has done the works that Jesus Christ has done. Read all about it in the Bible.

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4-17-2015 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – No One Spoke Like Him

At age twelve, Jesus was:

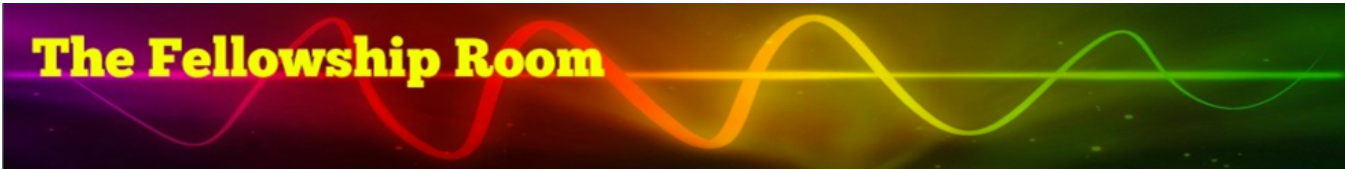
In the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ([Luke 2:46-47](#))

As an adult, the very first time Jesus taught in His home synagogue,

All bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. ([Luke 4:22](#))

No religious teacher, preacher, prophet, or leader has ever taught like Jesus did.

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.



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Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, 'Why have you not brought Him?' The officers answered, 'No man ever spoke like this Man!' ([John 7:45-46](#))

Does your preacher teach:

He who believes and is baptized will be saved. ([Mark 16:16](#))

Why not? Jesus did!

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