

John 8:28~ Therefore Jesus said; **When once you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing of my own initiative,¹ but just as the Father taught me, I speak these things.**

Footnote: Literally, from myself

1· Then Jesus made reference to the serpent Moses raised up in the wilderness showing these men, that they would have to lift him up on high among themselves, and look to him in faith, to avoid the painful sting of sin and death, going among their numbers, just like Moses did with the copper serpent in the wilderness.

[Question] What event of the wilderness journey of Israel, did Jesus now make reference to?

[Question] What was Jesus like, and what must men do to him in faith, to avoid the painful sting of death?

2· Then they would come to know, about the powerful saving power he possessed to heal men, and bring them to righteousness before their God. Jesus then told them, that he never did anything of his own initiative, but whatever the Father taught him, this is what he spoke.

[Question] What then, would they realize about the power the Christ possessed?

[Question] What things then did Jesus always do, and what did he never speak out of?

3· Moses at once made a serpent of copper, and placed it upon the signal pole, and it did occur, that if a serpent had bitten a man, and he gazed at the copper serpent, he then kept alive. (Numbers 21:9)

[Question] What did Moses do with a copper serpent he made at God's command, and what happened to anyone exercising faith in its saving power?

4· And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up. (John 3:14)

[Question] How did Jesus compare his own role, to that of the copper serpent in the wilderness?

- 5· And yet I, if I **am lifted** up from the earth, **will** draw men of all sorts to me. (**John 12:32**)

[Question] What did Jesus draw after him, when he ascended to heaven?

- 6· Christ, by purchase, released us from the curse of the Law, by becoming a curse instead of us, because it is written: Accursed is every **man** hanged upon a stake. (**Galatians 3:13**)

[Question] How did Jesus Christ release Jews from the Law Covenant, for what is written within the Law Covenant, about any man hanged upon a stake?

- 7· I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! With the clouds of the heavens, someone like a son of **man** happened to be coming, and to the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close, even before that One. (**Daniel 7:13**)

[Question] Who did Daniel see, approaching Yehowah God, in a vision of his heavenly throne?

- 8· Jesus **said** to him; You yourself **said** it. Yet I say to you men, From henceforth you **will** see the **Son** of **man** sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. (**Matthew 26:64**)

[Question] What did Jesus bear witness to, that men would see him doing in the future?

- 9· But the army officer and those with him watching over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the **things** happening, grew very much afraid, saying; Certainly this was God's Son. (**Matthew 27:54**)

[Question] What did men who killed, Jesus themselves testify, after seeing the remarkable circumstances under which he died?

- 10· Therefore, in answer, Jesus went on to say to them; Most truly I say to you, the **Son** cannot do a single thing of his **own initiative**, but only what he beholds the **Father** doing. For whatever **things** that One does, these **things** the **Son** also does in like manner. (**John 5:19**)

[Question] What did Jesus state, about what things he spoke and did?

[Question] Who did Jesus look to, as a perfect example to imitate always?

- 11· I cannot do a single thing of my **own initiative**. **Just** as I hear, I judge. The judgment that I render is righteous, because I seek, not my **own will**, but the **will** of him that sent me. (**John 5:30**)

[Question] What did Jesus tell his disciples, that he never followed?

[Question] Why was the judgment he rendered then, always righteous?

- 12· Most truly I say to you, what we **know** we **speak**, and what we **have** seen we bear witness of, but you people do not receive the witness we give. (**John 3:11**)

[Question] What do men speak and bear witness to?

[Question] Did people accept the things Jesus spoke and bore witness to, that he knew from heaven?

- 13· Moses now **said** to the assembly; This is the thing that Yehowah has given command to do. (**Leviticus 8:5**)

[Question] What did Moses relay to the sons of Israel, and did they accept this word as God's word?

- 14· A prophet I shall raise up for them from the midst of their brothers, like you, and I shall indeed put my words in his mouth, and he **will** certainly **speak** to them, all that I shall command him. (**Deuteronomy 18:18**)

[Question] What prophet did Yehowah God prophesy through Moses to bring forth for Israel, and where would he arise from?

[Question] What words would Yehowah God place within this one's mouth?

- 15· And your escaped ones **will** certainly remember me among the nations to which they **will have** been taken captive, because I **have** been broken up at their fornicating heart, that has turned aside from me, and at their eyes, that are going in fornication after their dungy idols, and they **will** certainly feel a loathing in their faces, at the bad **things** that they **have** done in all their detestable **things**. (**Ezekiel**

6:9)

[Question] How did Yehowah God, through Ezekiel, show how he felt at his people not following after his fine way?

- 16· This one came to him in the night and **said** to him; Rabbi, we **know**, that you as a teacher **have** come from God, for no one can perform these signs that you perform, unless God is with him. (**John 3:2**)

[Question] What did Nicodemus confess to Jesus, that the Pharisees realized about where Jesus came forth from?

- 17· Jesus, in turn, answered them and **said**; What I teach is not mine, but belongs to him that sent me. (**John 7:16**)

[Question] What did Jesus confess about, where the things he taught came forth from?

- 18· Jesus **said** to him; Have I been with you men so long a time, and yet, Philip, you **have** not come to **know** me? He that has seen me, has seen the **Father** also. How is it you say; Show us the **Father**? (**John 14:9**)

[Question] What did Jesus show Phillip, that he had seen, by seeing Jesus, a perfect imitator of Yehowah God?

- 19· Do you not believe that I **am** in union with the **Father**, and the **Father** is in union with me? The **things** I say to you men, I do not **speak** of my **own** originality, but the **Father** who remains in union with me is doing his works. (**John 14:10**)

[Question] Where did Jesus confess, that all of his teachings came forth from?

- 20· Because the sayings that you gave me I **have** given to them, and they **have** received them, and **have** certainly come to **know**, that I came out as your representative, and they **have** believed, that you sent me forth. (**John 17:8**)

[Question] What did Jesus confess in prayer to his father, for what had he come forth to his disciples as, and what did they believe about this?