

ACTIONS THAT SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS
JOHN 10:36-38

Introduction

There is a saying that we've all probably heard or even said ourselves at one time or another— "*Talk is cheap.*"

Someone said, "*Talk is cheap because the supply has always exceeded the demand.*" Well, we know that when it comes to politics that is definitely a true statement! Amen?

What do we mean when we say, "*Talk is cheap*"? It is an acknowledgment that for the most part we find that GREAT TALKERS are LITTLE DOERS! It is easy for someone to talk big, but we usually want more than just to hear talk, we want to see people put their talk into action!

We like folks to back up what they say! If someone in the business world gives us a guarantee, we don't like being bamboozled by some fine print that we can't read or understand! We want them to stand behind their product!

We may say that "*talk is cheap*" or we may say that "*actions speak louder than words.*"

When someone applies for a job at a place of business, employers are not just looking for someone who can type up a good resume' are they? They are not wanting someone who just looks good on paper! What they are wanting is someone who has the ability, the skills, and the fortitude to get the job done!

But many times employers are deceived by job applicants and they wind up disappointed with the results when the actions of the employee begin to speak. *The actions speak louder than the words do!*

That works the other way too! When a job applicant has been promised things by a business that make a particular job offer look great and then that person accepts the job based on those promises and finds that things are different than what was presented, that's not good! *Actions speak louder than words do!*

How about with God and the Lord Jesus Christ? We have this book that is called "The Word of God" or "The Bible." How significant are God's Words?

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Do these Words mean anything or are they just a bunch of religious fluff?

I trust that you are on a quest for that which is true! I know that I personally want to know what is true! In that quest for the truth, we want words that are backed up with actions, don't we!

Here in our text we see that Jesus made some claims about who He was. **(READ TEXT!)**

Many others who span across the ages of time have made similar claims. **However, Jesus backed up His claims with His actions. Look at verse 37 and 38 again.** What Jesus was saying is this— "*I'll let my actions do the talking because if you will listen to them, they will tell you who I am!*"

God has made some declarations in His Word and He always backs up His Words with actions! God does not use words lightly! God always means exactly what He says!

I want us to see today that God's Words do speak to us! But, more than that, I want us to see that **God's actions speaks louder than His Words!**
i.e. God always backs up what He says with His actions!

I. WE HAVE GOD'S WORD ON LOVE!

A. God's Word On Love. (John 3:16)

1 John 4:10— "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us. . ."

1 John 4:8, 16— "God is love."

When it comes to **love, actions speak louder than words!**

Which would you rather have, someone saying "*I love you*" or **their actions showing that they love you?**

It kind of goes without saying, doesn't it.

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B. God's Actions Proving Love.

(John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:16; 4:9-10)

John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8—"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

1 John 3:16—"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..."

1 John 4:9-10—"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

The cross of Calvary proves the love of God for us!

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II. WE HAVE JESUS' WORD ON HIMSELF!

Question? – Jesus Christ—was He human or Divine or was He both?

If Jesus was only human, then He would be NO DIFFERENT than you or me. If He was only human, then He COULD NOT be a Saviour because He would also be in need of a Saviour Himself!

Romans 5:12—"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Romans 3:10—"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Romans 3:23—"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

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If Jesus was only Divine, then He would not have human flesh and could not become our sacrifice or substitute for sin.

However, **Jesus Christ was both human and Divine!**

He was the virgin born Son of God so that He was sinless and He was born of a woman so that He could become the sacrifice for us!

A. Jesus Christ Claimed To Be The Son Of God!

(John 10:30-33; 36-38)

Jesus Christ Was And Is The Son Of God!

At His baptism in Matthew 3:17, God the Father said, *"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."*

Look at what John the Baptist said of Jesus in **John 1:32-34.**

At His transfiguration in Matthew 17:5, God the Father again said, *"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."*

(Peter also testified to the validity of that event in his writings in *2 Peter 1:17-18*)

But what spoke best of who Jesus is was His God-like acts that are recorded in the four Gospel accounts! **(John 20:30-31)**

- a. He Healed Those Who Were Sick.
- b. He Caused The Blind To See.
- c. He Caused The Deaf To Hear.
- d. He Caused The Lame To Walk.
- e. He Fed Thousands By Multiplying A Little Boy's Lunch.
- f. He Raised The Dead.

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Jesus Christ Claimed To Be The Son Of God!

B. Jesus Christ Claimed To Be Righteous! (John 8:29)
Jesus Christ Was And Is Righteous!

What spoke best of His claim was **His righteous life!**

John 8:46—“Which of you convinceth me of sin?”

1 Peter 2:22—“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:”

1 John 3:5—“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”

Hebrews 7:26—“. . . holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;”

At His baptism in *Matthew 3:17* and at His transfiguration in *Matthew 17:5*, God the Father spoke from heaven and said, “*This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*”

C. Jesus Christ Claimed He Would Come Out Of The Grave!
(John 2:19-22; 10:11, 15, 17-18)

Jesus Christ Arose From The Grave! (Matthew 28:1-8)

Acts 1:3—“. . . He showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:”

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Romans 1:4—“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:”

WE HAVE GOD’S WORD ON LOVE WITH THE ACTIONS TO BACK UP HIS WORDS!

WE HAVE JESUS’ WORD ON HIMSELF WITH THE ACTIONS TO BACK UP HIS WORDS!

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III. WE HAVE GOD’S WORD ON SALVATION.

A. God’s Word On Salvation Is That You Cannot Get It By Keeping God’s Law!

Romans 3:19-20--“Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

James 2:10-11—“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. 11For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.”

B. God’s Word On Salvation Is That Jesus Is The Only Way!

John 14:6—“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

John 3:18—“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 3:36—“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

Acts 4:12—“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

C. God’s Word On Salvation Is That Now Is The Time To Get Salvation!

2 Corinthians 6:2—“. . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

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Hebrews 9:27—“. . .it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”

D. God’s Word On Salvation Is That He Will Save You, If You Will Come To Him!

John 6:37—“. . .him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

Hebrews 7:25—“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

**E. God's Word On Salvation Is That It Is Eternal!
(John 10:27-29)**

1. He gives us eternal life!
2. He gives us everlasting life!
3. He said we would never perish!
4. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us!
(Hebrews 13:5)

Conclusion

If you’ll come to Jesus in repentance and faith today, He’ll save you!

You have the Word of the God of the Universe Who cannot lie!

What you need to do is to come to Jesus today and let Him prove His words to you!

Won’t you come today?!

Maybe you say that you are already a Christian. You may be saved but are you really a Christian?

The name "*Christian*" means "*Christ like*". Are you "*Christ like*."

Remember, actions speak louder than words!