



*"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)*

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## **WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY**

Putting the Professor in His Place

### **Introduction**

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**Text:** [John 3:9-15](#)

**MAIN POINT** → Jesus confronts the professor's ignorance.

### **Exposition**

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### **4 Responses of the Rabbi to the Professor:**

1. My authority and credibility exceed yours and you don't believe me.

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2. Because you fail to understand the most elementary of Kingdom truths you will never understand the complexity and the fullness of the Kingdom.

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3. You fail to understand that the Old Testament and how to interpret it.  
The New Birth is taught in the Old Testament:

- a. Deuteronomy:
  - i. Deuteronomy 29:4 (ESV) "But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear." What's he saying? "Here's the commands but you can't obey them unless God gives you a new heart."
  - ii. Deuteronomy 30:6 (ESV) <sup>6</sup> And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.
  
- b. In [Psalm 87](#) \_\_\_\_\_
  
- c. [Ezekiel 36](#) and [37](#) *"Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army."* (Ezekiel 37:9-10, ESV)
  
- d. [Jeremiah 31](#) and [32](#).

He failed to interpret the OT accurately. \_\_\_\_\_

4. "I have the authority to grant eternal life to anyone who believes in me." *"that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."* \_\_\_\_\_

Notice John 5:21 (ESV):

- a. "For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will."

## Application

- #1. First (v. 13), Jesus is the Son of Man who descended from heaven and who alone can reveal heavenly things.
  
- #2. Second (vv. 14-15), the purpose of the Son of Man's coming down from heaven is to be lifted up on the cross "that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

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