

INTRODUCTION

*As we have been studying The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John, we have noted that the major purpose of the book is the presentation of the proof that Jesus is the Son of God. It is this truth, as well, which is at the core of the gospel message. The perfect sacrifice for our sins could only be made by God Himself becoming man.

*On May 2, we studied John 4:43 – 5:18, considering the 2nd and 3rd of Jesus' signs. The third sign was the healing of the sick man at the pool of Bethesda. This healing occurred on the Sabbath, becoming a big problem for many of the Jews. How could a man from God break the Sabbath? Jesus' response caused even more consternation, as He equated Himself with God.

*Today, we will continue in the rest of John 5, where Jesus expands on His equality with God. The unity of the Father and the Son leads to the Son, Jesus, having authority over things that the Jews (and we) associate only with God. Jesus particularly emphasizes His authority over resurrection and over judgment as evidence of His unity with the Father. John 5 ends with Jesus presenting a list of Five Witnesses, intended to help people believe that the Son has been sent by the Father. Jesus says, "... I say these things that you may be saved." – John 5:34

INSTRUCTION**I. Background – The Authority of Jesus Over S _____ (John 5:1-15)**

The Big Issue: _____

Terms Jesus uses that equate Himself with God:

II. The Unity of the Father and the Son (John 5:18-30)

1. Authority of Jesus from the Father v. 19-20 See also John 8:25-26,28-29; John 12:42-50

The Son D_____ what the Father D _____; the Son S_____ what the Father S_____

2. Authority of Jesus over R_____ v. 21, 24, 25-26, 28-29 Also John 6:40; John 11:25-26

3. Authority of Jesus over J_____ v. 22, 27-29 Also John 6:40; John 9:39; John 11:25-26;
Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 10:38-43; Acts 17:30-31; James 4:12

H_____ The Son v. 23, 27

* God's Plan: To Be G_____ in Highly E_____ Jesus Daniel 7:13-14,25-28; Philippians 2:9-11; Psalm 2:1-12
1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Ephesians 1:10; Colossians 1:16-20;

Notes on Resurrections: 1 Corinthians 15:23,50-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:1-6
Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15

III. The Five Witnesses ... and The Authority of Jesus in Scripture (John 5:31-47)

1. Jesus v.31
2. John the Baptizer v.33-35 Also John 1:23,29-36; John 3:27-36; Matthew 3:1-3
3. Jesus' Works v.36 Also John 9:32-33; John 10:37-38; John 11:47-48; Mark 1:29; Mark 2:8; Luke 9:43-44
4. The Father v.31,37-38 Also John 8:12-18; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 17:5; John 12:27-30
5. The Scriptures v.39-47 Also Luke 24:25-27,32; Acts 2:22-36

INTROSPECTION

*DO YOU HEAR AND BELIEVE WHAT JESUS SAYS?

*DO YOU HONOR THE SON?

*IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

* What witnesses are there today for the generation living now? What do you think Jesus would say?

* How does Jesus' authority over resurrection and judgment practically impact your day to day life? Does it? Should it?