

Jesus' Claim of Deity

John 5: 16 – 24

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John 5: 16 - 19

¹⁶ For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. ¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it* is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

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²⁰ “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. ²¹ “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. ²² “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. ²⁴ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

Authority Over the Sabbath.

Vv. 16 – 18.

- Jesus continuously broke their man made Sabbath laws.
 - Jesus' answer – The Sabbath does not apply to God.
 - Jesus' answer – He is equal with God.
- The Jews (religious leaders) completely understood.
 - They recognized His claim of Deity.
 - Making Himself equal with God was considered blasphemy.
 - So their campaign to kill Him begins.

Evidence of Christ's Deity.

Vv. 19 – 23.

- The evidence of the unity of the God-head.
 - Jesus was doing what the Father does.
 - Father loves (Phileo) Jesus and greater works are coming.
 - Jesus will soon raise Lazarus from the dead.
- The evidence of being Judge of the Universe.
 - Jesus has been given this position, that belongs only to God.
 - To honor the Son is to honor the Father.
 - To reject Jesus as God, is to reject the Father as well.

The Offer of Eternal Life. V. 24.

- Truly, Truly (Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν) Listen up to this absolute and important truth (V. 19, 24).
 - Listen to Jesus' word and believe in Him as the sent One.
- The result of listening, receiving, and believing.
 - Eternal life – Blessing both now and for eternity.
 - Compared to passing out of death into life.
- The result of not listening, receiving, and believing.
 - Judgment and death, Jesus being the judge.
- Therefore believing Jesus as God is necessary to be saved.

Conclusion

- Jesus is God and as God can even change the rules, including Sabbath observance, but He only really returned Sabbath to its original design.
- Jesus is God as proved by the fact that all He did was in complete unity with the Father, and His acts of raising the dead prove Him as God.
- Jesus is the judge at the end of the age, and to pass from death to life requires we listen and believe on Him, then we will receive eternal life.