



## John 5:16-23 - Part 15 - Honoring the Son

<sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.”

<sup>18</sup> For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

<sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

<sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

<sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

<sup>22</sup> Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

<sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

2 When you look at how Jesus talks about himself and the Father, it's always in the singular form. It's not a Father and a Son. It's *the* Father, and *the* Son.

“The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.”

Mark 2:27. (NLT)

In verses 17-21, Jesus equates his work with the work of the Father, and essentially is saying, **the Father and I are one.**

‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’

Hebrews 10:7

‘I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you.’

John 17:21

“See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.”

Deuteronomy 23:39

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power;”

Daniel 7:13-14

The phrase “Son of Man” was one of Jesus most often used titles to describe himself.

“The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.’

Psalms 9:7-8

### **Jesus' claims of Divinity (vs 16 - 23)**

- 1. Equal in works with the Father - Sabbath, Giving Life**
- 2. Authority to judge entrusted from the Father**
- 3. Worthy of the same honor as the Father - Worship**

"Worship is the submission of all our nature to God."

William Temple"

"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

Philippians 2:6-8

### **Willful submission is about trust**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

"But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills."

Psalm 73:2-5 (part 1)

"When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant;"

Psalm 73:21-22 (part 2)

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"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:23-25 (part 3)

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### **Willful submission to God is the path to peace**

#### Who is greatest in the Kingdom of God?

"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:1-4

"Only if you are willing to pray sincerely for God's will to be done and are willing to live the life apportioned to you will you see the breathtaking view of God that he wants you to have, through the windows he has placed in your life. You cannot always live on the mountaintop, but when you walk through the valley, the memory of the view from the mountain will sustain you and give you the strength to carry you through."

Ravi Zacharias

### **This week: Worship through prayer**

**Practice the Prayer of Surrender in the morning**

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**Practice the Prayer of Examine in the evening**

(An outline of these prayers can be found in the 4/19 notes)