

The Gospel of John: That You May Believe
The Claims of Christ
John 5:19-30 (page 743)

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In response to the accusations (John 5:18) of the religious leaders, Jesus claims that He :

- is equal with God (John 5:19-21)

- is the final judge (John 5:22-23)

- will determine people's destiny (John 5:24)

- has authority over life and death (John 5:25-29)

- always does the will of God (John 5:30)

His point: He is the Lord, He is God.

Digging Deeper....

What observations can you make about Jesus' relationship with His Father? How does this support His claim of deity?

In what sense was Jesus dependent on His Father? Does this make Him less than God? Why or why not? _____

Read vs 19-21...Why was the Jews' failure to honor Jesus a serious matter? Explain. _____

In the busyness of your life, have you paused to give God thanks for His amazing work in your life? *Thank Him for all His blessings, acknowledge His Lordship over your life* (be specific about what that really means) and make this prayer time a *time of appreciation*, not a time for requests. Don't ask God for anything, just thank Him for all the things that you have received from Him.