

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?

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

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

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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.