

## The Deity of Jesus – John 5:19–6:15



MEMORY VERSE: “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” John 5:24

### DAY 1 JOHN 5:19-21 — The Son and the Sabbath

1. The Jews sought to kill Jesus for His behavior on the Sabbath as well as claiming equality with God. (v.18) What did Jesus say guides Him in all He does? v.19
2. What exactly is Jesus’ Father doing? vv.20-21, see also v.17
3. What does Mark 2:23-28 say about “work,” Jesus and the Sabbath?
4. What is blasphemy? What will the Jews later want to do to Jesus for His supposed “blasphemy?” John 10:33
5. Considering the Scripture about Sabbath from this and last weeks lesson, what kind of “work” seems right or wrong? Do you have any helpful insight about keeping the Sabbath in your own life?

### LEARN THE TRUTH

The religious leaders in Christ’s day knew the Scriptures, but missed the point. Their diligent study and accumulated knowledge led them to legalism rather than life. When our goal in Bible study is not only to know the Word of God, but to know the God of the Word, we will have life and freedom in Him.

### DAY 2 JOHN 5:22-29— The Authority of Jesus to Bring Life out of Death

6. Continuing in His defense of Himself, what authority does Christ claim God has given Him? vv. 22-23

7. What does it mean to “hear and believe” God’s word and to pass from death to life? v.24

8. Who are the “dead” in these verses and what happens when they “hear?” vv.24-26

Ephesians 2:1-10

9. What “resurrection” and judgment are verses 27-29 about?

Revelation 20:11-15

10. It seems absurd to us that the religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus. Yet, have you ever found yourself blaming God or accusing Him in your heart for something you are unhappy about in your life?

### **DAY 3** JOHN 5:30-38 — Witnesses to the Authority of Christ

11. What is Christ’s own witness about Himself? Why did He say His testimony alone is insufficient?  
vv.30-31

Deuteronomy 19:15

12. Who else bore witness to Christ’s deity? vv.32-35

13. What even greater testimonies prove that Christ is the Son of God? v.36

14. God the Father testified about the authority of His Son. Why then did some of the Jews not see truth? vv.37-38
15. What is the difference between one who “hears” (vv.24-26) and one who has never “heard?” vv.37-38

## DAY 4 JOHN 5:39-47 — The Witness of Scripture and Moses

16. Why did Christ’s accusers search the Scriptures? What was wrong with their searching? vv.39-44
17. What additional explanation did Jesus give for the religious leader’s failure to believe in Him? v.44
18. Why is Moses, rather than Jesus, the accuser of the defiant Jews?

John 1:17

John 3:16-17

19. List the reasons the Jews failed to hear, and the implied opposite posture of one who does hear.
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| <b>Reasons the Jews failed to hear vv. 38-47</b> | <b>Posture of one who does hear</b> |
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20. How does James 1:22-25 enhance your understanding of what it means to “hear?”

21. As another Passover was at hand, what were the crowds still doing? vv.1-4

John 2:23

22. What did Jesus ask Philip, and what was His reason for the question? v.5

23. What impression do you have about Philip and Andrew's responses to the dilemma? Can you relate to their responses?

24. What did Jesus do for the hungry people? Can you think of a time God multiplied something in your own life? vv.10-13

25. Consider the outcome of this miracle. What do you suppose happened in some people's lives, and what clearly happened in other people's minds? vv.14-15

## LOVE THE TRUTH

Imagine Jesus having to defend Himself to the very people who should have recognized Him. When you find yourself failing to recognize God's presence in your life, look for His hand for He is always working. Surrender your will and trust in His wisdom. Give Him what little you have and see what He does.

## John 5:19–6:15

### The Deity of Jesus

God's command to keep the Sabbath can easily be overlooked or misunderstood, but it is important. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work..." (Exodus 20:8-9) The Talmud was an extensive compilation of religious laws and prohibitions written by Jewish leaders. It had so many restrictions about the Sabbath that it became oppressive rather than restorative. What "work" should we refrain from in order to benefit from the Sabbath? John 6:29 says "the work of God is to believe in the One He sent." That is a good work for every minute of our lives. Perhaps it simply means taking a day off from our usual labor and trusting that God will continue to work on our behalf while we rest. He is our Provider and all good things come from Him. "All that we have accomplished, He has done for us." (Isaiah 26:12) Our bodies, minds and spirits need rest and refreshment. When we observe the Sabbath, our work is more productive and God is glorified. We must resist the pull of the world and ask God to show us how to best keep the Sabbath. If we do this, we will "call the Sabbath a delight." Isaiah 58:13

There was much talk of resurrection in this lesson. We know that Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead after His crucifixion, but other resurrections can seem confusing. We will fully understand this one day, but for now, we know that we ourselves were resurrected from the dead when we heard and believed in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We were actually dead in sin, but now we are alive in Christ. We also know that when Christ was raised from the dead He conquered death permanently. One day, all those who have died will be resurrected in order to face judgment. Believers will receive reward and eternal life with Christ, while rejectors of Christ receive eternal judgment. There is life in Christ and condemnation without Him. We all deserve eternal condemnation, but God sent His Son, not to

condemn but to save us. (John 3:16,17) When we receive salvation through belief in Jesus Christ, who died in our place, we will live for eternity with God.

There were many witnesses to the deity of Jesus Christ. Jesus claimed to be God's Son, equal with God Himself. John bore witness to Him; Christ's works testified to His deity; God spoke through the Spirit of Christ's deity; the Scriptures testify about Christ; and Moses, who led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt, wrote about the coming Christ. Yet people still rejected Him. Our lives must bear further witness to the goodness of God for those who want to hear.

### WALK IN TRUTH



God is our provider, the giver of life and the giver of rest. Imagine the crowd of people who came to see Christ because of His signs and miracles. Some missed what He really offered, but some heard. They were physically hungry, and even more spiritually hungry. Jesus fed their bodies and their souls. He made a dinner for 5000 men and their families out of 5 barley loaves and 2 fishes. That is impossible, except by the power of God, who specializes in making something out of practically nothing. He is able to meet all of our needs and His leftover fragments are better than our very best.

What is your greatest need right now? What tiny, insignificant bit do you have? If you are willing to give Him your measly lunch, what do you think He might do with it? It is not easy to give up our meager pittance, but when we do, we see His magnificent power. We get to be part of feeding many! Your lack or your need is a test. Will you trust Him with what little you have so you can experience the lot He offers?

## Notes