

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"**  
**"Most Shocking Claim"**  
**John 5:17-24**  
**Part-15**

**"The Most Shocking Claim!"** – "Person, Works, Power, Authority, Judgment And Honor."

**Public Ministry: (3 years) John 1:19-12:50**

**Theme Of John – "Jesus: God And Savior"**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Jesus Declared Himself To Be Equal With God In Person, Works, Power, Authority, Judgment And Honor."

- 1. Verses 17-18 – Equal To God In His Person**
- 2. Verses 19-20 – Equal To God In His Works**
- 3. Verse 21 – Equal To God In His Power & Authority**
- 4. Verse 22 – Equal To God In His Judgment**
- 5. Verses 23-24 – Equal To God In His Honor**

**1. Verses 17-18 – Equal To God In His Person:**

John 5:17

"But He answered them," – John 5:1-16 – Jesus' Challenge To The Helpless Man.

John 5:17-47 – Jesus' Challenge To The Helpless Men (Spiritually).

This is the turning point in the Gospel; "The Period of Controversy."

John 5:16

A Pattern now develops – A Miracle – Leads To A Conflict – Which Leads To A Sermon. The sermon is an exposition of what the miracle meant.

"He answered them, (Religious leaders) 'My Father'" – Literally, "My own Father."

"My Father is working until now," – Isaiah 40:28.

"and I Myself am working." – Jesus, like His Father, is continuing to work!

Healing of the sick man was the good work of the Father and Jesus!  
Luke 6:9

Note in John 5:20 – “greater works than these, so that you will marvel.”

John 5:18

“For this reason therefore” – Breaking the Sabbath and Jesus was calling God His Father.

“the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him,” – “repeated attempts.”

“He not only was breaking the Sabbath,” – Healed, told a man to pick up his bed!

They Charged Jesus With Blasphemy: “was calling God His own Father,” – Luke 22:70 – Jesus declared 7X in John “I Am” Yahweh.

John 14:6

“making Himself equal with God.” – John 8:24

**C. S. Lewis:**

1. **Jesus Is A Liar** – That everything He said was a lie.
2. **Jesus Was A Lunatic** – Jesus was deranged, He was crazy.
3. **Jesus Is Lord** – Jesus His Father and the Scriptures say is objective truth.

**2. Verses 19-20 – Equal To God In His Works:**

John 5:19

“Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly,” – That means – “This is the truth, listen.”

“I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself,” – Loyalty Of The Son.

“for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.” – Jesus, Equal With The Father, Could Do Anything The Father Does.

John 5:20

The Love Between The Son And The Father: “For the Father loves the Son,” – The word “loves” speaks of “affection arising out of relationship”; perfect communication of purposes and deeds.

1 John 3:15-16

“and the Father will show Him greater works than these,” – Greater Works is imparting life to the dead, Spiritually and Physically, Judge Of All!

### **3. Verse 21 – Equal To God In His Power & Authority:**

John 5:21

“For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life,” – There are 2 resurrections that Jesus is referring to:

1. Resurrection (Physically) – The Raising Of The Dead.
2. Resurrection (Spiritually) – New Birth, Regeneration.

Deuteronomy 32:39

Jesus’ power was revealed to His enemies at His arrest – John 18:4-6.

“even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.” – Matthew 11:27.

### **4. Verse 22 – Equal To God In His Judgment:**

John 5:22

“For not even the Father judges anyone,” – Father has delegated the judgment to the son.

“but He has given all judgment to the Son,” – Matthew 25:31-32.

John 12:48

Acts 17:31

The Believer will stand before Jesus to receive rewards – 2 Corinthians 5:10.

### **5. Verses 23-24 – Equal To God In His Honor:**

John 5:23

“honor” – “to set a price on, to value.” To man, it is respect. To God, it is to reverence Him.

“so that all will honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.” – Jesus is equal in nature – John 5:17-18; Works – John 5:19-20; Power and Authority – John 5:21; Judgment – John 5:22.

John 15:23 – “He who hates Me, hates My Father also.”

Isaiah 42:8

John 5:24

The Imparting Of Life Comes Through Hearing His Word: “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word,”

It starts with knowing who Jesus is, then it is receiving His Word.

The Imparting Of Life Comes Through Exercising Personal Faith: “and believes”

“Him who sent Me,” – Miss God the Father, and you will miss God the Son!

“has eternal life” – present possession.

The power of life was in the gospel itself. Romans 1:16

“but has passed out of death into life.” – A Completed Transaction!

**The Bible speaks of death in 3 ways:**

- 1. There is Spiritual Death**
- 2. There is Physical Death**
- 3. There is Ultimate Death**

### **Application:**

1. There is No Neutrality With Jesus Christ. As C. S. Lewis Said, Jesus Is Either A Liar, A Lunatic, Or He Is Lord: Luke 11:23.
2. To Be Wrong About Jesus Is To Be Wrong About God, Because Jesus Is God.
3. The Imparting Of Eternal Life Comes Through Hearing His Word And Through Exercising Personal Faith: John 5:24.