

So much life happens in any given week. The purpose of Home Groups is to share life together and find and give encouragement. You can connect in a group through our website at trinityonline.org.

WHAT ABOUT YOU

This week's focus is on Jesus revealing the truth about Himself, that He is God. When did you first hear that Jesus is God? What was your reaction?

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORDS

Can I get theological? This week's passage is a Christological trove. To date in the book of John, we have examined encounters of Jesus with a large variety of people.

These include ...

- His early followers (disciples)
- His family
- His prophet (John the Baptizer)
- A religious expert
- A woman in Samaria
- The townsfolk of Samaria
- A royal official
- A man disabled for 38 years

Pivot. Now we're in a season of adversaries and persecution. And this is the place where Jesus chose to reveal the most about Himself. We will focus on John 5:16-30, but begin by reading the entire story of 5:1-30.

The setting:

Who is present? What is the situation? Who speaks?

What were "the Jews" [i.e., religious leaders] plotting to do? Why?

Let's examine this as a court case. (Implied by the Greek word "persecuted.") "The Jews" are the prosecutors, Jesus is the defendant.

According to the accusing Jews, what violations of the law had Jesus committed?

Was their view of the law accurate? What do we learn from these Old Testament references?

Exodus 31:15

Do you know what kind of work was forbidden? Why would this have been so important to God?

Leviticus 24:16

If "to blaspheme" means to speak irreverently of God, had Jesus done this?

Jesus' Defense

What was Jesus' response to their accusations about working on the Sabbath? (19-20)

How did Jesus expand on His relationship with the Father? What other roles did the Father delegate to Jesus? (21-22)

What other indicator reveals that Jesus is God along with the Father? (23)

How is Jesus' life-giving power (v.21) applied to us? To those who have died? (24-26)

What other God-role is given to Jesus by the Father? (27-29) How does He exercise this role? (30)

BIG PICTURE

Who is Jesus claiming to be?

What are Jesus' God-roles in this passage?

How is Jesus connected with Father God?

What did Jesus say (prophecy) about the future?

To whom did Jesus reveal all of this?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What do we learn about our relationship with the Father from Jesus' relationship?

How was the truth about Jesus contrary (antithesis) to what "the Jews" were thinking?

Jesus revealed deep truths about Himself. Why reveal all this to people desiring to kill Him?

PLEASE PRAY

- Ask the Father to help us learn the submission of Jesus
- Pray for our witness in the world as persecution increases
- Pray for the Micah House team to stay encouraged and effective