

# Jesus the Son of God the Father

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John 5:16-30

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## **A Confrontation over the Sabbath**

- Jesus healed invalid<sup>5:8</sup>, invalid carried mat on Sabbath<sup>5:9</sup>
- Jewish leaders confronted man<sup>5:10</sup>; man blamed healer<sup>5:11</sup>
- When man learned it was Jesus he told the leaders<sup>5:15</sup>
- Jews were seeking all the more to kill Jesus<sup>5:18</sup>

## **Jesus Answered Them**

- Jesus wasn't casually conversing - he was giving a defense: *answered*
- Jesus is laying out a legal defense for their accusations

## **A Creator's Defense**

- Jesus claimed to be God<sup>17</sup> - Jews understood that<sup>18</sup> sought to kill him!
- Appeals to fact that God is sustaining all things<sup>Neh9:6</sup> by working on Sabbaths
- Likewise Jesus is also working like God on the Sabbath

## **Their Own Logic Vindicated God**

- Jesus was declaring He followed God's laws
- Even their 39 laws permitted God to 'move things' within His domain
- God's domain was infinite so God could move anything He wanted
- Jesus was claiming the same 'vindication' - *making himself equal with God*<sup>18</sup>

## **A Sad Response**

- Jews sought all the more to kill Jesus<sup>18</sup>
- Jews were rejecting Jesus' teaching and signs<sup>1:11</sup>

## **A Theological Deep Dive in Defense**

- Jesus' words were NOT well received by the Jews :(
- Jesus describes relationship between Father and Son
- Trinity - WCF2.3 *in the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son*
- Ontological Trinity - God is 3 persons in One being
- Economic Trinity - Each person in Trinity has different role: Father sends the Son who redeemed us; Son sends the Spirit to apply that redemption.
- Jesus is teaching the Economic Subordination of the Son to the Father and:
  - *the Son can do nothing on his own accord*<sup>19</sup>
  - *the Son only does what the Father instructs*<sup>19</sup>
  - *the Son carefully watches the Father and does likewise*<sup>19</sup>
  - *out of love the Father shows the Son what to do*<sup>20</sup>
  - *the Father raises the dead and the Son gives life*<sup>21</sup>
  - *the Father entrusts judging to the Son*<sup>22</sup>
  - *we are to honor the Son as we honor the Father*<sup>23</sup>
  - *we are to believe Jesus to get eternal life*<sup>24</sup>
  - *Jesus' work is to obtain life for the those God redeems*<sup>25-26</sup>
  - *Jesus will be the final judge at the end of the age*<sup>27</sup>
  - *All will be judged based upon their belief in Jesus*<sup>28</sup>

## **Jesus' Clear Declarations and Defense of His Ministry**

- The Jews were rejecting the ministry of Jesus<sup>Jn1:11-12</sup>
- They were putting Jesus on 'trial' for His words and actions
- Jesus gives clear truths and reminds them He is the Judge<sup>30</sup>
- Jesus will give further defense... but that's for next week!

## **What About You?**

- Do you believe Jesus' words<sup>24</sup> and have eternal life?
- you will face Jesus as the Judge one day<sup>29</sup> - believe and have life<sup>29</sup>