

## Jesus' Equality with God: Outline/Handout (John 5:18-24 NASB)

- I. "For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God." (v.18)
    - a. Five chapters and already the Jews wanted Jesus dead
      - i. The healing of the paralytic man at the pool of Bethesda (vv.1-17)
      - ii. The Jews understood what Jesus claimed to be. What did Jesus claim to be?  

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      - iii. The Jews understood the implications of what Jesus claimed. What were the implications of what Jesus claimed?  

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    - b. From hesitation about Jesus as Messiah to outright rejection
      - i. What did the Jews accuse Jesus of? (*discussion*)  

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      - ii. Who was actually guilty of this sin? (*discussion*)  

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    - c. "For this reason..." (John 5: 15-17)
      - i. Breaking of the Sabbath (v.16) [Matt 12:1-8]
      - ii. Called God His own Father (v.17)
      - iii. Ontological equality with God (equal in essence)  

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      - iv. Is a son equal with his father? If **YES**, in what way(s)?  

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- If **NO**, why not?

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- II. "Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner." (v.19)
- a. "Truly, truly..." ("I Am [is] telling you the truth.")
  - b. Jesus' **ability** the same as God's (Equal in power)
  - c. Jesus' **actions** the same as God's (Equal in nature)
  - d. Jesus' **supremacy** the same as God's (Equal in authority) [Phil 2:5-11; Col 1:15-20]
- III. "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel." (v.20)
- a. "...Father loves the Son..."
  - b. Subject-object relationship between the Father and the Son (distinct relational personhood)
    - i. Reveals all things (God the Father's will, plan and purpose) to the Son
    - ii. "Greater works" (power over sickness *and* death)
    - iii. Compare the works of God the Father and God the Son

God the Father	God the Son
"The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived"; "Then the woman [the widow] said to Elijah, Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth." <sup>1</sup> Kings 17:17-24	"Just as the father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes." John 5:21-29

The Shunammite's Son; "When Elisha came into the house, behold the lad was dead and laid on his bed"; "Take up your son"; "Then she fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground, and she took up her son and went out" 2 Kings 4:32-37	Lazarus raised from the dead - "Jesus said to her [Martha], I Am the resurrection and the life..." John 11:25-44
Naaman [Captain of the army of the king of Aram] Healed of His Leprosy [related to sin] by Elisha - 2 Kings 5:7; (Jesus healed not one, but 10 lepers - Luke 14:3)	"After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me, because I live, you will live also." John 14:19
	The Empty Tomb - John 20:1-18

- IV. "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes." (v.21)
- God, "raises the dead" and "gives them life"
  - Jesus' prerogatives the same as God's pertaining to life
- V. "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son," (v.22)
- The Father has given all judgement to the Son (Eph. 1:20-23; I Cor. 15:25-28)
  - Jesus judges with equity just as the Father does (righteously, justly, fairly)
- VI. "so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." (v.23)

a. Why does God the father give Jesus all judgment?

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b. What is the only way to have the Father?

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c. Read: (Romans 8:8-11; I John 2:22-23)

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VII. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **hears** My word, and **believes** Him who sent Me, **has** eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but **has** passed out of death into life." (v.24)

a. "Truly, truly..." ("I Am [is] telling you the truth.")

b. "**hears**" My words...

c. "**believes**" Him who sent Me...

d. What is the reward for hearing and believing?

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e. What will be avoided as a result of hearing and believing? (Romans 8:1)

Which one (judgment)?

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f. What does "passed out of death" mean? (Eph. 2:1-2)

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g. What does "into life" mean? (I John 5:5, 10-12)

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VIII. Final Comments:

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