

Jesus' Defense – John 5:19-47

Jesus' witness about Himself as the Son of God (5:19-30)

- The Son always follows the Father (19, 30)
- The Son is loved by the Father (20)
- The Son gives life and has life in Himself (21, 24-25, 26)
- The Son judges all people (22, 27-29)
- The Son should be honored by all (23)

Other witnesses to Jesus as the Son of God (5:31-40)

- John the Baptist gave witness to Jesus (31-35)
- The Father gave witness through Jesus' works (36)
- The Father gave witness through the Scriptures (37-40)

Why these witnesses to Jesus as the Son of God were rejected by Jews (5:41-47)

- B/c they did not have the love of God within them (41-42)
- B/c they sought glory from one another (43-47)

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
2. In your own words, how would you summarize Jesus' description of Himself in today's passage? What is to be our response to Jesus according to 5:23-24?
3. We see in 5:27-29 that all people will be judged by Jesus. We rightly think of Jesus as Savior but is it strange for you to think of Him as judge? Why? Why not?
4. In 5:29 how does our doing good or evil play into our being judged? (look back at 5:24)
5. In 5:38 Jesus says that the Jews who reject Him do NOT have the Word of God abiding in them. What does it mean to have God's Word abiding in you? What does this look like in your own life? (see also Joshua 1:8-9 & Psalm 119:11)
6. In 5:44 what reason did Jesus give for why the Jews did not believe in Him? Can this same sin be a temptation in our own hearts today? How can we fight against it?

Memory Verse: John 5:24

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 6:1-59