
AMEN Bible Study 2023
Knowing Christ: A Study Through the Book of John
“Jesus Makes it Clear”

John 4:46-5:47
November 1, 2023

I. Unlimited Power (4:46-54))

A. Our Weakness (v.46-49)

B. Christ's Sufficiency (v.50-54)

II. Unbounded Love (5:1-18)

A. Healing our Brokenness (v.1-9a)

B. Confronting our Sinfulness (v.9b-18)

i. Our Self-Centeredness (v.9b-15)

ii. Our Self-Righteousness (v.16-18)

III. Unequivocal Claim (v.19-29)

A. The 4 “For’s” (D.A. Carson)

1. V.19 – “For whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.”

2. V. 20 – “For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.”

3. V. 21 – “For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.”

4. V. 26 – “For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.”

B. We Must Understand the Christian Faith (v.20-24; John 19:28; Psalm 22)

IV. Undeniable Testimony (v.30-47)

A. The Four Witnesses

i. The Father (v.32 and 37-38)

ii. John the Baptist (v.33-35)

iii. The Miraculous Works of Christ (v.36)

iv. The Old Testament Scriptures (v.39)

B. The One Accuser (v.40-47)

Discussion Questions

Knowing

1. How does Jesus's Interaction with the "Official" and the man at the Bethesda pool reveal Jesus's character?
2. What do the claims Jesus makes in John 5 reveal about his mission?

Being

1. What goes through your mind as you read Jesus's description of our salvation in John 5:24? How does the use of the past tense ("has passed from death to life") encourage you in your faith?
2. Jesus confronts both our self-centeredness and self-righteousness in 5:9-19. In which one of those are you most likely to struggle?

Doing

1. Where in your life right now do you need the power of Christ?
2. Where in your life right now do you need the love of Christ?