

Journey to the Cross: Jesus Has the Authority to Save

John 5:19-30

Read John 5:19-30 Together:

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

³⁰ I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

- ? Note as many details about Jesus as you can from this passage.
- ? What evidence do you see that Jesus is claiming to be God?
- 1. Be amazed at Jesus because he reveals God (vv. 19-20).
 - ? How does Jesus reflect God in his actions?
 - ? Are you comfortable with the mystery of the Trinity?
- 2. Be amazed at Jesus because he raises the dead (v. 21).
 - ? What does it look like to experience new life in Christ now?

- 3. Be amazed at Jesus because he judges all (v. 22).
 - ? Do you tend to judge others or yourself more harshly?
 - ? What evidence in your life or in our culture do you see for our innate desire for justice?
 - ? How does knowing God will judge give you comfort when you have been wronged?
- 4. Be amazed at Jesus because he receives worship (v. 23).
 - ? What is Jesus doing in your life right now that should cause you to stop and worship him?
- 5. Be amazed at Jesus because he saves sinners (vv. 24-25).
 - ? What have you been tempted to rely on to save yourself?
 - ? How is Jesus better than that insufficient "savior"?
 - ? How does your salvation in Jesus impact your current reality or circumstances?
- 6. Be amazed at Jesus because he gives life (v. 26).
 - ? What's amazing about this truth to you today?
- 7. Be amazed at Jesus because he will resurrect all (v. 28).
 - ? Do you look forward to this day with fear or hope? Why?

Application:

? How can you pursue Jesus this week in your daily life?