THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 5:16-24

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

" Jesus – Equal with God"

THE THEME OF BOOK:

John 1:12
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION *To The Text* *John 5:16-24*

The Summation Sentence

Jesus, both then and now confronts empty religious establishments.

There is probably nothing more reviling to God than a false religious system of belief that leads to spiritual sterility.

The Issue Before Arose Last Week in the Healing of the Lame man at the pool of Bethesda where a man had been crippled for 38 years.

The legalists directed their lunacy

toward Jesus rather than the man who had been legally guilty of carrying his bed

1.) Jesus reveals the will of the Father vv. 16-18

For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." 18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

a.) Jesus has set us free from the law v.16

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John 5:9-10
And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. 10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

These are/were the Legalist of the Day

The Scribes and the Pharisees

It is not only possible,
it's common for people to go through life very religious

- Faithful to Attend Church
- Faithful to Help out When Help is Needed
- Faithful to Give of Their Blessings Willingly

But Without The Lordship of Jesus Christ
Man naturally, humanly gravitates toward Legalism

NOTE HOW SPIRITUALLY DERANGED THESE MEN ARE

They're Not Seeking to Discipline the Man who was healed for carrying his bed. But they are in hot pursuit of Jesus for having blessed a man

They Recognized That Jesus had done a great Work
-The problem was that it wasn't their great work

Galatians 3:2-3
This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

Mark 2:23-28
Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" 25 But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: 26 "how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?" 27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 28 "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

These Men Acted as Free Men, as Liberated Men, Men at Rest

Listen Christian

Never Let Anyone Trouble You Regarding the Sabbath Day

Colossians 2:16-17
So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

Romans 14:5
One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

When it comes to Enjoying the Lord and His Sabbath, Why limit yourself?

Jesus reveals the will of the Father

b.) Jesus breaks the cycle of sins power v.17

But Jesus answered them, "**My** Father has been working until now, and **I** have been working."

My Father

Jesus is The Reflection of the Father

John 14:8-9
Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Hebrews 1:1-3
God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding

I Thought God was Resting ?

Only in Relation to the Creation Acts

Genesis 2:2-3
And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

My Father has been working…
…and I have been working

What the father has been working on, I do immediately before your eyes

THAT IS IN RELATION TO "REDEMPTION"

The Lord's Sabbath was Broken The Moment Adam and Eve Fell
- God Went to Work on the Redemptive Project to Set Mankind Free

Genesis 3:8-9
And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

He's Been Walking and Calling People Ever Since… *Looking For You*

This is What My Father Does – This is what I do too

Philippians 2:13
for it is God who works in you both to will
and to do for His good pleasure.

When Jesus Went About Healing
He was going about destroying the wages of Sin

1 John 3:8
…For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

John 10:10
"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Jesus reveals the will of the Father

c.) Jesus is the eternal God and Savior v.18

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself **equal** with God.

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equal grk 2470 isos (ee'-sos);
to be the exact same in amount and kind and in type. To be in perfect agreement with another. To be another of the same.

In the greek
Present perfect tense verb
Constantly making Himself Equal with God

John 10:32-33
Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

John 10:30
"I and My Father are one."

1.) Jesus reveals the will of the Father vv. 16-18

2.) Jesus performs the will of the Father vv. 19-20

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, **I say to you**, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 **"For the Father loves the Son**, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

a.) Jesus claims divine prerogatives v.19

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Notice With Me That Jesus Never Said
"Thus Saith the Lord"

the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner

Jesus' Will and Desire Was to do exactly what the Father was desiring and willing

The Son and The Father

Cannot disagree because it is not possible for them to disagree
but is in fact, impossible!

the Son **can do (will) nothing** of Himself

Philippians 2:6-8
who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

A Submissive Spirit and Heart Is a great display of the divine character

Jesus performs the will of the Father

b.) Jesus enjoys divine favor v.20

"For the Father loves the Son,

Are You Secure In Christ

Romans 5:8
But God **demonstrates** His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Corinthians 5:19
for God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,

Jesus Came to Earth and Got into our Skin

True Story

Seven years ago, In the mid-west Siamese twins were born being joined at the chest. Little Verna and Ruthy attempted many sports and activities. They seemed unstoppable until last year when their kidney's and livers began to break down. On their last night on earth together Verna could hear little Ruthy struggling. In the morning when both of them were reaching a most critical hour – Verna told Ruthy "we're going to be dying soon, it's going to be O.K. Ruthy then died and for over fifteen minutes Verna waited her turn.

Jesus Became What We Are

Even Though We Were Dying

2 Corinthians 5:21
For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus performs the will of the Father

c.) Jesus has a divine mission v.20

"For the Father loves the Son, **and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.**

Jesus Did all that the Godhead Does

Colossians 2:9
For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

3.) Jesus shares in the will of the Father vv. 21-24

21 "For as **the Father raises the dead** and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22 **"For the Father judges no one,** but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

a.) Jesus possesses all authority v.21

"For as **the Father raises the dead** and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

Again, To the Jewish Mind this is Blasphemy
Because they refused to believe in Joshua as Messiah

The Keys

To bring rain / to judge the earth / to open the womb / to give life

John 10:18
"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

b.) Jesus qualifies as judge v.22-23

"**For the Father judges no one,** but has committed all judgment to the Son "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him

Jesus is Qualified

Before Jesus would Judge us He would first take upon Himself what every human has had to endure

He Became Human First

The Jewish Mind (to any mind)

YHWH is Judge alone

Genesis 18:25
"Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Acts 17:31
"because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Jude 1:14-15
Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 "to execute judgment on all, to convict all

"that **all** should **honor** the **Son** just **as** they honor the **Father**

This is absolutely radical

Jesus shares in the will of the Father

c.) Jesus grants eternal life v.24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Now Possess it in Full

Acts 16:25-32
But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." 29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your

household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

What do we learn from this text?

*1.) Jesus **reveals** the will of the Father vv. 16-18*

We are to be revealing the will of our Father to all we meet.

- *By how we live*
- *By how we treat them*
- *By what we say*

*2.) Jesus **performs** the will of the Father vv. 19-20*

We are to be dependant upon our Father to do His will

- Mimic what we hear and see Jesus doing
- Look to the Lord to direct you in ministry
- Be confident that God wants to perform a work through you

3.) Jesus shares in the will of the Father vv. 21-24

God must and will judge evil. But the invitation goes out to all that will listen – believe in Jesus Christ and so honor the father

"Jesus - Equal with God"