



Jesus' Authority (Jn 5:19–29)

January 20

OVERVIEW: [John, chs. 1–12](#)

CONTEXT: At the beginning of John many Divine names were given to Jesus. Throughout chs. 2–10 Jesus performs many signs and makes many statements as to the fact that He is the Son of God. Jesus' speech about His authority come immediately after He healed a man on the Sabbath (thus breaking man-made Sabbath additions) and thus infuriating the religious leaders.

FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP (Lk 3:8)

- How does John appear to you when you read it (clear, mysterious, both)?
- What does Nicodemus teach us about being bold for Christ and the importance of seeking Him?
- What are some of the mysterious sayings of Jesus here and what did He mean by them? (e.g. born again, sound of the wind, etc)
- Reflect upon v. 14–15 as an important Gospel text.
- What does Biblical and extra-Biblical tradition about Nicodemus teach us about his later life as a disciple of Jesus?

READ: Jn 5:19–29

QUESTIONS:

1. *Jesus' miracle has provoked a strong reaction, yet Jesus does not back down.* How was “truly, truly” an emphasis to Jesus' truth claims?
2. **Vv. 19–20- While both the Father and Son are Divine they have different roles. What are they? How can someone be equal yet different? Can you think of any human illustrations?**
3. Discuss any points of interest in these verses...

4. V. 20- Jesus mentions greater works, works that will cause the onlookers to marvel. V. 21 explains what these will be. What are the three senses in which these things will be so?
 1. _____ (Jn 11:1–45)
 2. _____ (Jn 5:24, 11:25–6; 2 Cor 5:17)
 3. _____ (1 Cor 15:42–57; 1 Thes 4:13–18)
5. **If Jesus can raise the dead that means that He is _____? (Deut 32:39; 1 Sam 2:6; 2 Ki 5:7).**
6. V. 22- Many people perceive God the Father as the solemn Judge and Jesus as the tender One. Who in fact will judge on Judgement day? How does this change our view of Jesus?
7. Why does the Father desire the Son to be honoured? **Why can no one honour God apart from Christ (v. 23).**
8. **V. 24- discuss this famous Gospel text.**
9. V. 25 (“is now here”). If this doesn't refer to the General Resurrection, what does it refer to/is in response to?
10. **V. 29- Why is the “Resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting” (Apostles Creed) the 2nd greatest hope of the Christian faith? How will this be one of the greatest works of Christ?**
11. *Note: the presence of both everlasting life and death (it's a package deal!).*
12. V. 29- If good works don't save, what are they evidence of?
13. **What new appreciation of Jesus has this passage given?**

NEXT TIME: January 27, Congregational Meeting
February 3, Mark 4:35–41, Jesus Calms the Storm