

Justifier & Judge 2019-03-24

John 5:16-19

This was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. 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.

Comments hear but surprise... "What say?" give chance to restate/recant.

- Jews condemned invalid's healing because happened on Sabbath so to defend His God-like actions Jesus publically claimed to be God.
- Opportunity "correct" but reaffirms He is God who gives life & judges all.

He God because same divine nature as Father. John:17-19a, 1:1 & 14, 10:30, Colossians 1:15a

- Jesus invisible God made visible so can understand/know/relate to God.
- Jesus & Father are 1 with Holy Spirit.....1 God existing as 3 Persons
 - All 3 equally/eternally God w/absolute unity in nature, will, work.
- Equal yet Jesus functionally subordinate/distinct from Father.
 - For sake of divine plan, Son humbly subjects Himself to Father & Holy Spirit subjects Himself to Father & Son
- Subordination in Trinity not imply inferiority.
 - "Son can do nothing" not stating inability but emphasizing complete unity of purpose & action of Trinity.

Impossible for Son to act independently of or inconsistently w/what Father is doing because Jesus & Father are 1....in nature, will & work. John 5:19, Colossians 1:15-18

- Jesus working w/Father since beginning of time including working on Sabbath.
 - Jews acknowledged after creation God worked on Sabbath to sustain His creation.
- "do what see Father doing" was Jesus putting His own activity on Sabbath on a par w/God's activity on Sabbath & thus claiming to be equal w/God!

Then Jesus goes to next level with additional incredible claims to His deity: He is God who gives life & judges all. John 5:20-24

- "greater" than healings to dramatically validate His claims.
 - God alone raises dead to life & soon Jesus will literally raise dead.
- But Jesus' miracles illustrations of spiritual truth: Jesus has sovereign power to give spiritual life to spiritually dead.....whom He wishes....election.
 - "Greater"= Jesus death & resurrection make eternal life possible. *Gospel*

"Live" here also refers ability to raise dead physically at end of age to either eternal life or judgment. John 5:25-29

- In monotheistic religions, only God has final judgment.
 - Judaism believed ONLY God gives life in beginning & judges at end.
- Jesus say He is God who gives life & judges all at end. Reason want to kill Jesus.

Jesus purpose for coming to provide salvation, He justifier & just judge,

- God/man who suffered to deliver men from judgment will judge all men.
 - Works not save but evidence saved. James 2:14-26, Ephesians 2:8-9
- Bore wrath of Father for all Christians & executes Father's wrath toward lost.

These words depict glory of Jesus & should make us all marvel at Him. John 5:20, 20:31

- Jesus is one w/Father in nature & works, has power over death, is sovereign over spiritual life, in future raise all from dead & judge everyone justly.
 - Christian, rejoice! This great God who gives eternal life & judges all is your Savior & friend....Worship Him, love Him, delight in His goodness.
 - By His grace you not have to fear His coming judgment!