





*"But these are written so that you
may believe that Jesus is the
Messiah, the Son of God, and that by
believing you may have life in his
name."*

John 20:31

5:1 After this, a Jewish festival took place, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 By the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Aramaic, which has five colonnades. 3 Within these lay a large number of the disabled—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been disabled for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and realized he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to get well?”

Now that day was the Sabbath, 10 and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "This is the Sabbath. The law prohibits you from picking up your mat." 11 He replied, "The man who made me well told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "12 "Who is this man who told you, 'Pick up your mat and walk'?" they asked. 13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.



14 Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well. Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn't happen to you."



15 The man went and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 Therefore, the Jews began persecuting Jesus because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.



*Point #1: Jesus clearly taught that he
is equal to God.*

17 Jesus responded to them, "My Father is still working, and I am working also."

18 This is why the Jews began trying all the more to kill him: Not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal to God.



Gen 2:2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so, on the seventh day he rested from all his work.



Point #2: When you see Jesus, you "see" God. Jesus reveals his Father.

19 Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you; the Son is not able to do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son likewise does these things. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing, and he will show him greater works than these so that you will be amazed. 21 And just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son also gives life to whom he wants. 22 The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 so that all people may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.



3. Jesus forces a decision

24 "Truly I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. 25 "Truly I tell 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 just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted to the Son to have life in himself. 27 And he has granted him the right to pass judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice 29 and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 "I can do nothing on my own. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.



*4. It all points to Jesus...everything
does...he is the decision point in
human history.*



Deut. 19:15 A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

32 There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony he gives about me is true. 33 You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. 34 I don't receive human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 John was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 "But I have a greater testimony than John's because of the works that the Father has given me to accomplish. These very works I am doing testify about me that the Father has sent me.

37 The Father who sent me has himself testified about me. You have not heard his voice at any time, and you haven't seen his form. 38 You don't have his word residing in you, because you don't believe the one he sent. 39 You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me. 40 But you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.



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