

## The Gospel of John

John 5:16-47

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### Our Gospel Writer's Purpose

*"These are written so that you may continue ["come"] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name." ~John 20:31*

To help anyone and everyone to

1. **COME** to faith
2. **GROW** in faith

### **John 5:16-47, The Crimes, the Claims, and the Witnesses for Jesus**

#### **I – The CRIMES of Jesus: John 5:16-18**

*"So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him [Jesus]. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God." –John 5:18*

1. Breaking the Sabbath \_\_\_\_\_

*God has never been impressed with our ability to keep rules; what He wants is the loyalty of our hearts.*

2. Committing \_\_\_\_\_

*The religious leaders did not reject Christ because they did not understand who he claimed to be; they rejected him because of these claims.*

#### **II – The CLAIMS of Jesus: John 5:18-30**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father

*"Whatever the Father does, the Son also does." –John 5:19*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of life

*"The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son." –John 5:26*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of all

*"And he [the Father] has given him [Jesus] authority to judge everyone because he is the Son of Man." –John 5:27*

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*"Indeed, the time is coming, when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment." –John 5:28-29*

- a. Eternity is \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_
- c. There are only two \_\_\_\_\_: life or death

*"There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." –Romans 8:1*

#### **III – The WITNESSES for Jesus: John 5:31-47**

1. The witness of \_\_\_\_\_ testimony

*"...you sent investigators to listen to John the Baptist, and his testimony about me was true... and you were excited about his message." –John 5:33, 35*

2. The witness of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ (teachings and miracles)

*"The Father gave me these works to accomplish, and they prove that he sent me." –John 5:36*

3. The witness of the \_\_\_\_\_

*"And the Father who has sent me has testified about me himself... and you do not have his message in your hearts..." – John 5:37-38*

4. The witness of the \_\_\_\_\_

*"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me." –John 5:39*

#### **The Application**

*"For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear." –2 Timothy 4:3*

God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through His Son.  
Who will you listen to?

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