

The Work of Jesus

John 5:1-30

Jesus and Growing Conflict:

John 5:1-15 - Jesus and an invalid

Jewish Requirements: Attend three annual feasts, Passover, Weeks (Pentecost) and Tabernacles. Do not violate the Sabbath

John 5:15-30 - Jesus, the Sabbath and the Father

The Feast all point to Jesus

The Sabbath points to Jesus.

John 5:19-30 - Jesus and the Father - 4 Statements

It is impossible for the Son to act independently - 19
The Father loves the Son showing him everything he is doing - 20
The Father raises the dead at will and so will the Son - 21-22
The Father is final judge and Jesus has been given that position - 22-23

What I believe about Jesus matters so much that to dishonor Jesus as less than God is to dishonor God and miss eternal life.

- The Essence of Belief -

What I believe about Jesus Christ is so essential that my future with God rests upon it. Who Jesus is and his place in the Holy Trinity matters so much that salvation rests on it.

Conclusion: I take this story and others to mean that we are ill for one of three basic reasons:

1. God is chastising us for a habit or a pattern of sin that we need to abandon so that our lives bring glory to God. (John 5:1-14; James 5:13-16; Acts 5:1-11; 1 John 5:16)
2. God is testing us so that our lives bring glory to God. (Job 1-2; 2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10; James 1:2-4)
3. God is preparing us for death and future glorification - (Romans 8:31-39; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9)