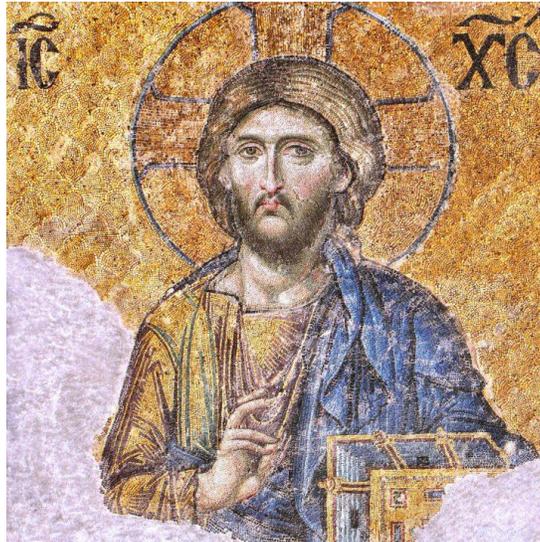


101820 Growth Group Study

Who Does He Think He Is?

John 5:19-30



Background: After healing the lame man in John 5:1-18, the Jewish authorities begin to bring formal charges against Jesus because he is "making himself equal with God" (5:18). In our extraordinary text this week, Jesus begins his defense of his actions. This is Jesus' longest exposition on his relationship to his Father, including the authority that his Father has given him to bestow life and render judgment. The culmination of these verses is the Gospel where Jesus invites all people to believe in him and move from death to life, a movement that can happen right now. In these breath-taking verses, Jesus makes himself the core decision for all people for all time. So, what will you do with him?

Sermon Text (ESV):

John 5:19-30

19 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. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may

honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

25 “Truly, truly, I say to 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 as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

30 “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - What is your view of God? Does this text affect your view of God in any way?
 - Do you see the Trinity as a gift, or as a “riddle wrapped up inside a puzzle buried inside an enigma?” Why or why not?
 - How does the doctrine of the Trinity affect the way you live? As Shawn said in the sermon, the Trinity means God is love, and it is within this love relationship that we “live, move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, how does God being defined by love affect the way you live?
 - Eternal life in John means a “radically rich” life right now, which just happens to last forever. Of course, this is not rich in money but rich in fulfillment and abundance and hope and joy and peace and love, etc. Of the many “radically” rich characteristics, which one(s) are you most thankful for today? Why?