

# JESUS, THE MAN WHO IS GOD

John 5.16-38 // August 9, 2020

## ABOVE THE LAW

The Jews were angry that Jesus had violated the Sabbath, but He made them even more angry with His reasoning for *why* He did it. He told them that He was allowed to, because His Father is at work. In their ears, they rightly heard Him declaring that He was equal with God, a charge that warranted potential death.

Jesus affirms their interpretation of His response. God alone is exempt from Sabbath rest, and God is actively at work in the world. This is why Jesus said He, too, could work, because He is at work with His Father, making Him equal with God in the Father's work.

### **The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath.**

- Jesus in Matthew 12.8

## JESUS ON TRIAL

The Jews now effectively put Him on trial, in the hot seat with a line of accusation. In their culture, to accuse you had to have two or more witnesses, and to acquit yourself you had to have two or more witnesses.

Jesus will now call upon five witnesses to testify to His claims:

- God the Father
- John the Baptist
- His Own Works
- The Scriptures
- Moses

## MODERN DAY BLASPHEMY

In this interaction, Jesus draws a clear and deep line in the sand: if you don't honor Me, you don't honor God. It is not enough to say Jesus was a good teacher or example, nor is He simply *one* way to God.

In our day and age, it isn't just other religions that we must stand our ground with, but even the religion of our culture, with the god of Self, must also be contended with. We will be charged with blasphemy against the god of this age as we hold fast to the testimony and witness of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit along with the testimony of Their Word.



## NOTES:

### **This Week's Scripture to Memorize:**

#### **Isaiah 25:8**

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

## **ARE YOU NEW HERE?**

### **WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!**

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?**

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### **JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL**

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 5.1-16-38**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Jesus makes it clear: He is God. He makes it clear, also, that He came to make God visible and known so that we could be saved. How does the appearance of God in the Person of Jesus bring you to praise, thanks, and hope as you think upon what He has done for us?

### Repent and Ask for Provision

Even as Christians who worship Jesus as God, we often times either take away aspects of His deity (acting as functional deists and losing hope in times of trial) or add aspects to salvation (39 Sabbath Laws or additional legalistic beliefs that we believe make us right before God). In what ways are you not entrusting yourself wholly to Christ as the Lord of your life, and what might you ask Him for to help you honor Him so that you honor God?

### Your Life Mission

Jesus was sent to reveal Himself as God to a lost and broken world. He was sent and did the work of His Father so that we can marvel at His goodness and be saved. We then are saved so that we, too, could be sent to do the work of Christ in the world. What works of God are you currently engaging in that you could use prayer for as you hope to let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven?

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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