

- But Especially Of:
 - The Jewish People!
- This Is How God Described Himself:
 - From The Very Beginning:
 - Of Their Existence!
 - In Exodus 4:22 - God Told Moses To Tell Pharaoh:
 - “Israel Is My Son, Even My Firstborn!”
- And - The Jews Took Great Pride:
 - In This Relationship!
 - But - When *They* Called God Father:
 - They Would Often Say:
 - *Our* Father! Or:
 - *Heavenly* Father!
 - Because - He Was:
 - Like No Other Father:
 - In This World!
- But - Here - Jesus Called God:
 - “*My* Father!”
 - Without Further Description Or Qualification!
 - And - The Jews Took Great Offense At This!
- But - Even More:
 - Jesus Claimed That:
 - What **He** Did On That Sabbath Day:
 - Was No Different Than:
 - What **God Himself** Did:
 - On That Sabbath Day!
 - That - Even As His Father:
 - God - Has Been Working:
 - Even To That Very Day:
 - Jesus Too:
 - Was Working!
 - Even Though - In Genesis 2:2 - We Are Told That:
 - “On the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made!”
 - It Was A Common Belief:
 - That God Continued To “Work” In Order To Sustain His Creation!
 - But - That Work Did Not Break His Own Sabbath Laws:
 - Because - His Work Required No Effort On His Part!
 - And So - God The Father:
 - Could Work & Did Work:
 - Every Day & Even Every Sabbath Day:
 - From The Creation Of The World:
 - Until That Very Day!
 - But - Jesus Then Added:
 - “And I Work!”
 - By Which He Meant That:
 - He & The Father:
 - Had The **Same Ability** To Heal!
 - And - The Work That Jesus Did:
 - To Heal That Man:
 - Was The Work Of God Himself!
 - “My Father Worketh Hitherto, And I Work!”
 - Jesus Claimed:
 - To Have The Same *Power*:
 - To Do This Miraculous Work:
 - As God Did!
 - He Also Meant That:
 - He & The Father:

- Had The **Same Authority** To Heal!
 - And - The Work That Jesus Did:
 - On That Sabbath Day:
 - Was Done With The Approval Of God Himself!
 - “My Father Worketh Hitherto, And I Work!”
 - Jesus Claimed:
 - To Have The Same *Right*:
 - To Work On The Sabbath:
 - As God Did!
- And - This Claim Made By Jesus:
 - Was An Unmistakable Claim!
 - So Unmistakable That:
 - John Tells Us In 5:18 - Just What:
 - The Jews Thought About What Jesus Said!
 - 5:18 - “Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God!”
 - It Was Bad Enough For Jesus:
 - To Be A *Breaker* Of The Law:
 - As The Jews Saw Him To Be!
 - But With This Statement:
 - Jesus Claimed Himself:
 - To Be The *Maker* Of The Law:
 - And Even - The “Lord Of The Sabbath!”
 - As Jesus Would Call Himself Later!
 - And - This Was - In Their Eyes:
 - Blasphemy!
 - Because - He Was “Making Himself Equal With God!”
 - Equal In His Divine Nature!
 - Equal To God The Father Himself!
- And - Of Course - This Is Why:
 - John Is Writing This Entire Book!
 - In 20:31 - His Purpose Is Clear:
 - “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name!”
 - So - Remember This Proclamation:
 - Of Jesus! Remember:
 - His Claim - To Be One:
 - With God The Father!
 - In Complete Harmony With His Work!
 - Because - When The Father Is Working:
 - Jesus Is Working! And:
 - When Jesus Is Working:
 - So Is The Father!
 - Remember This Claim:
 - And Believe Him All The More!
 - But Then - As We Come Next To:
 - 5:19-23 - To Make Sure:
 - The Jews Understood What He Said:
 - He Doesn’t Just Double Down On His Claim - He Even Triples Down & Quadruples Down On It!
 - Because - He Then Gives Further Detail About:

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- Which Was - To **Only** Do The Work Of His Father!
 - 5:19b - “Then Answered Jesus And Said Unto Them, Verily, Verily, I Say Unto You, The Son Can Do Nothing Of Himself, But What He Seeth The Father Do!”
 - Which Meant That:
 - Jesus, The Son, Only Did:

- The Work Of God, His Father!
- Jesus Never Worked Independently:
 - From God The Father!
- And Then - Starting In 5:19:
 - We Have Four **“For”** Statements!
 - Four **“Reasons”** Why:
 - Jesus Could Only Do:
 - The Work Of His Father!
 - And - With Each Reason:
 - He Expresses Just How **Close**:
 - He & His Father Are!
- Jesus Could Only Do The Work Of His Father:
 - Because - They Are The **Same Works!**
 - And - In 5:19b - We Find The **Truth** About Jesus And His Father!
 - **“For** What Things Soever He Doeth, These Also Doeth The Son Likewise!”
 - The Works Of God The Father:
 - Are Sovereign Works!
 - He Can Do Whatever He Chooses, Whenever He Chooses, & However He Chooses - In Accordance With His Own Nature!
 - And Jesus Says - As The Son:
 - He Does The Same Sovereign Work:
 - As God The Father!
 - So - The Shocking Claim Of Jesus Is:
 - His Works Are The Same As:
 - The Works Of God!
 - And That Was Why:
 - He Did What He Did:
 - On That Sabbath Day! Also:
- Jesus Could Only Do The Work Of His Father:
 - Because - They Have The **Same Warmth** & Love!
 - Because - In 5:10 - We Find The **Tenderness** Between Jesus And His Father!
 - **“For** the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel!”
 - Jesus Says He Could:
 - **“See”** What His Father Was Doing:
 - Because His Father:
 - Was **“Showing** Him All That He Is Doing!”
 - What A Mystery This Is:
 - In The Relationship Between:
 - God The Father & God The Son:
 - When Jesus Was In This World!
 - But - The Reason Why:
 - Jesus Did The Works Of His Father:
 - Was Because Of:
 - The Love!
 - His Father’s Love:
 - For Him! And - His Love:
 - For The Father!
 - And - God The Father Loved Jesus So Much:
 - That He Would Show Him Even:
 - **“Greater Works!”**
 - To Get The Attention Of The World!
 - And So - The Further Shocking Claim Of Jesus Was That:
 - His Love For The Father:
 - To *Do* His Work - Was The Same As:
 - His Father’s Love For Him:
 - To *Show* Him His Work!
 - But Even More:

- Jesus Could Only Do The Work Of His Father:
 - Because - They Have The **Same Will!**
 - And - In 5:21 - We Find The **Task** Of Jesus And His Father!
 - “**For** as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will!”
 - The Old Testament Clearly Taught:
 - That God The Father:
 - Was The Giver Of Life!
 - And - Jesus Confirms This Truth!
 - The Father Is The One:
 - Who Is Able To Raise & Revive The Dead!
 - And - He Did So On Several Occasions!
 - But Here - Jesus Is Made The Claim That:
 - As The Son - He Too:
 - Is The Giver Of Life!
 - And “Quickeneth” - Revives & Makes Alive - “Whom He Will!”
 - And So - Even Though:
 - The Will Of God The Father & His Son:
 - Are Distinct From Each Other:
 - At The Same Time:
 - They Are Perfectly Aligned!
 - **IE:** Car Alignments! Keep The Wheels Going The Same Direction!
 - And - With This - Jesus Adds To His Claim:
 - That His Will Is The Same As:
 - God’s Will!
 - And - If The Jews Weren’t Incensed Enough - Jesus Goes Even Further With His Claim!
- That - He (Jesus) Could Only Do The Work Of His Father:
 - Because They Have The **Same Ways!**
 - And - In 5:22 - We Find The **Trust** Between Jesus And His Father!
 - “**For** the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son!”
 - The Old Testament Also Clearly Taught:
 - That God The Father:
 - Was The Giver Of The Law!
 - And Had The Exclusive Right To Be The “Judge Of All The Earth!” (Genesis 18:25)
 - But Here - Jesus Made The Claim That:
 - As The Son - The Father Entrusted:
 - “All Judgment” To Him!
 - **IE:** “Who Made You Judge?” Jesus Could Honestly Say - “God Did!”
 - And So - The One Who The Jews Were Resisting & Rejecting:
 - Was Their Own Judge!
 - But - **As** Judge - Jesus **Will** Judge:
 - The Same Way:
 - God The Father:
 - **Would** Judge!
 - Because - Jesus’ Ways:
 - Are The Same Ways:
 - As God The Father!
 - And Then - In 5:23 - To Add Insult To Injury:
 - Jesus Tells The Jews Why:
 - God The Father Made Him The Judge!
 - It Was - “That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him!”
 - The Religious Jews:
 - Claimed To Honor God As Their Father!
 - But Jesus Tells Them That:
 - God The Father Wanted Them:

- To Honor Him! His Son!
- And - If They ***Don't*** Or If They ***Won't***:
 - You Are Not Honoring The God:
 - You Claim To Love & Serve!
- You Can't Get Any Clearer Than This!
 - Jesus Is Claiming To Be:
 - The Son Of God:
 - In A Special Sense!
- That - Though They May Be:
 - Distinct In Their Identities As Father & Son:
 - They Are One In Nature As God!
 - And They Are United In Their Work, Their Warmth, Their Will, And Their Way!
- And This Is Why:
 - You Are To "Honor The Son!"
 - Do You Have Jesus As:
 - The Greatest Treasure:
 - In Your Life & Heart?
- But - What Will Be:
 - The Judgment Of The Son?
 - What Is The Judgment Of Jesus?
 - See Next In 5:24:

3. ***His Divine Promise!***

- 5:24 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life!"
 - Only In John Do We Find This Special Formula:
 - That Draws Our Attention To:
 - The Words Of Jesus! (25 Times!)
 - But - Each Time:
 - What Follows Is:
 - A Certain Truth:
 - From Jesus! 100% Certain!
 - This Is Why The "Verily" / "Amen" / "Truly" Is Doubled!
 - Not That We Need Two "Verilys" - Or Even One "Verily" - To Know That What Jesus Says Is So!
 - But - These Are Words Jesus Himself:
 - Wants You To Pay Close Attention To!
 - But Also - It Is:
 - A Changeless Truth!
 - When Jesus Says - "I Say!"
 - It Is In The Present Tense!
 - Which Means That:
 - His Words Are Lasting Words!
 - And - In A Very Real Sense:
 - He Is Still Saying Them!
 - And The Truth He Gives:
 - Is Certain & Changeless!
 - But It Is Also:
 - A Consequential Truth!
 - Because He Addresses It:
 - To "You" - And - To "Me!"
 - And His Promise Here:
 - Is Personally Relevant To Each One Of Us!
 - And - This Truth & Promise:
 - Is That When You:
 - Hear The Word:
 - ***Of*** Jesus!

- Even The Word:
 - About His Own Nature & Identity:
 - As The Son Of God Who Is:
 - One With God!
- And - When You:
 - Believe The Word:
 - **About** Jesus - From God The Father!
 - The One Who Sent Him!
 - Then Jesus - Who Is Right Now:
 - The “Judge Of All The Earth!”
 - Promises That You:
- Have “Everlasting Life, And Shall Not Come Into Condemnation; But Is Passed From Death Unto Life!”
 - What A Promise!
 - And - Since Jesus **Is** All:
 - He Claims To Be:
 - It Is A Promise:
 - That He Can Forever Keep!

Conclusion:

1. What John Recorded For Us:
 - In These Verses:
 - Is A High Christology!
 - He Reveals An Essential Unity:
 - Between God The Father & His Son, Jesus Christ:
 - Without Taking Away Their Personal Identities!
 - It Was With Good Reason:
 - The Jews Thought That:
 - 5:18 - Jesus Was “Making Himself Equal With God!”
 - Because - **He Was!** And:
 - Because - **He Is!**
2. And - This Means That:
 - When Jesus Met:
 - The Impotent Man:
 - At The Pools Of Bethesda:
 - On That Sabbath Day:
 - God The Father Met Him:
 - As Well!
 - The Work That Jesus Did:
 - To Heal Him - And Make Him:
 - “Completely Whole!”
 - In Body & Soul:
 - Was The Same Work:
 - That God The Father Did:
 - On That Same Day!
3. But Now - Think About:
 - The Work Of God:
 - In Your Own Life!
 - Paul Tells Us In:
 - 2 Corinthians 5:19 - That:
 - “God Was In Christ, Reconciling The World Unto Himself!”
 - This Means That:
 - Both God The Father - And:
 - God The Son:
 - Pursued **You:**
 - Even As They Pursued That Impotent Man!
 - They Pursued You:
 - With The Same Work & Warmth & Will & Way:
 - To Bring You From “Death Unto Life!” (5:24)

- This Is What God Did:
 - In Order To Save You!
 - He Went “All In” For You!
 - God The Father Worked:
 - In Your Heart!
 - God The Son Worked:
 - In Your Life!
 - And - That’s Not Even To Mention:
 - The Work Of God The Holy Spirit!
4. But - If The Triune God:
- Did All This For You:
 - So That You Might:
 - Hear & Believe In:
 - The Gospel!
 - Won’t You Today:
 - If You Haven’t Already?
 - The Gospel That:
 - According To God’s Eternal & Unified Plan:
 - Jesus Came & Lived & Died & Rose Again:
 - So That You Might Have “Everlasting Life!”
 - If You Just Turn To & Trust In Him!
5. But Then - When You Do Believe:
- You Become A Child Of God:
 - In Another Sense!
 - Not In The Same Way That:
 - Jesus Is!
 - But - His Father Is Now:
 - Your Heavenly Father!
 - And - As His Child:
 - You Can Now Pursue After The Example:
 - Of Jesus Himself!
 - Strive - By His Grace:
 - To Align - More & More:
 - Your Works With God’s Works!
 - Your Will With God’s Will! And:
 - Your Ways With God’s Ways!

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