

# Gospel of John: That You Might Believe

[John 5:1-30](#)

"The Two Resurrections" – April 4, 2021



## **Introduction**

Jesus' presence, words, and actions demand a response from those who come in contact with Him. How can we know Jesus is who He says He is? What impact does our verdict have on our lives and our future?

## **Pray**

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

## **Sermon Outline**

- I. Jesus the accused ([5:1-15](#))
- II. Jesus on trial ([5:16-30](#))

## **Read & Discuss**

- 1) Read [5:1-15](#)

The invalid at the pool had been hoping to be healed for 38 years. But religious superstition would not heal him; he needed Jesus. What is it that you are trusting in your time of need? If it's not Jesus, it's not going to sustain you.

Why wouldn't Jesus heal everyone at the pool? This wasn't the purpose of his *first* earthly ministry; Jesus came first to die for sinners like us (John 1:29). The healing of this man was a sneak peek of the future glory and healing (of all – see [Revelation 21:3-4](#)) yet to be revealed. What are some things that you are struggling with right now as you wait in hope for this promised future? Are you going to Him?

We need to make sure that the rules we set in this life are a reflection of God's word in order to safeguard us from legalism. A legalist spirit is a spirit that is not humbled and satisfied by the grace of God, it chokes out compassion and produces divisions. Ask yourself why you think or believe certain things the way you do. Are you being shaped by the world's way of thinking or transformed by God's word?

Additional Reading: [Isaiah 35](#)

- 2) Read [5:16-30](#)

Jesus is being persecuted because He healed someone on the Sabbath. His defense: He is equal with God. Shocked, the Pharisees accuse him of blasphemy. Jesus explains He is not a rival, independent deity of God the Father; He is in perfect union with the Father. One purpose of Jesus revealing Himself is that we worship and honor God. What is an attribute of

God from this text that you are thankful for or marvel over? Take time to praise Him even now.

Jesus is given the authority to judge and give life. Eternity starts now for those who know him. Where do you find your value? Our value is found in being made in God's image. Your dignity and worth are found here. There is another day coming when all of us will be united together in Christ on a new heaven and a new earth. God is at work in us right now to make us a new creation with a living hope and this work will be completed. Jesus' resurrection is the very basis of our hope for our future resurrection.

Additional Reading: [John 17:3](#), [1 Peter 1:3](#)

### **Prayer of Response**

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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**\*Next week's sermon text:** we turn to [John 5:31-47](#) "**Bearing Witness**"