

**Women's Bible Study**  
**March 8 & 9, 2017**  
**John 5**

**The CONTROVERSIAL HEALING (John 5:1-16)**

- What does the healing tell us about Jesus?

**The FATHER-SON SERMON**

“Chapter 5 teaches us how Jesus describes and defends his divinity. I believe this chapter contains the deepest sermon in the Gospel.....the fullest description of Jesus’ relation to God.” Dale Bruner

“The rest of chapter 5 contains this Gospel’s most theologically packed account of Jesus’ identity with respect to God. Marianne Mey Thompson

Because **Father** works every day  the **Son** works every day (Sabbath included)  
(vs. 16-18)

Whatever **Father** does  the **Son** does (he does nothing by himself)  
(vss. 19)



Because the **Father loves the Son** and shows him all He does  
(vs. 20)

The **Father** raises the dead and gives them life  the **Son** gives life  
(vss. 21 & 24-26)

**Side Note on 5:28-29**

*a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned*

- We have life only through “believing in the one God has sent.” John 6: 29 (see also 3:16-18, 11:25, 12:46; 17:21; 20:31). Good lives are the outflow.
- “John’s gospel, with the entire New Testament corpus, is convinced that such living [good living] is possible only by trusting God’s Self-Revelation.” Bruner

The **Father** entrusts judgment to the **Son**  *so that* all may honor the **Son**  
(vs. 22-23, 27)

The **Son** judges justly  *because* he seeks to please the **Father** (and not himself)  
(vs. 28-30)

Dis/honor the **Father**  Dis/honor the **Son**  
(vs. 23)

Jesus does not *rival* God's power; rather he *exercises* God's power. Overall, the thrust of the argument for Jesus' dependence on God and authorization by God is an argument for the unity of the Father and Son: not only do Father and Son work in harmony but the Father also works through the Son and by means of the Son, both to judge and to give life. As Jesus will later say, "The Father and I are one." (10:30)" Marianne Meye Thompson

 Jesus' divinity // unity with the Father

 A glimpse into the Trinity

- "Self-sharing, other-regarding, community-forming love" Daniel Migliore

#### TESTIMONY

- John the Baptist
- The Father's works through the Son
- Scripture // Moses

"Jesus does not repudiate Israel's God, its Scriptures, or its people; rather, receiving Jesus properly honors God, hears the Scripture aright, and orient the people to their Messiah." Marianne Meye Thompson