

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

1.) The Jewish authorities were **ANGRY** because Jesus had “violated” Sabbath, and, they were furious because He claims equality w/God.

2.) This passage expands on earlier question- “*Who is the man?*” (v12)

- I am equal with God v 19-20
- I am the giver of life v 21
- I am the final judge v 22-23
- I will determine eternal destiny v 24
- I will raise the dead v 25-29
- I am always doing the will of God v 30

3.) In vs 19-30 Jesus lays out a case so His **WORDS** and **ACTIONS** will be correctly understood. He clearly wants us to understand who He is.

4.) v 19 “*Truly, truly*” – is the **STRONGEST**, clearest, possible way of saying “you heard me correctly”. What you hear is TRUTH!

5.) v 19 When Jesus says- “*the Son can do nothing of himself...*”, He is clarifying that He always acts in perfect harmony with, and subordination to the Father's will and purpose because they are equal in **NATURE** and equal in **OBJECTIVE**.

6.) Only someone **EQUAL** to God can do all God does.

7.) v 21 packs a punch for those whom Jesus is speaking directly to; In the eyes of the ancients, 3 specific powers belong to God alone, called- The **THREE GREAT KEYS**:

- the key to open the heavens and give rain (Deut 28:12)
- the key to open the womb and give conception (Gen 30:22)
- the key to open the grave and raise the dead (Ezk 37:13)

8.) Jesus declared He is **EQUAL** to God because He possesses judicial and executive authority. All judgment belongs to Christ and His judgment will be the very same as the Father's judgment.

9.) To the Jew, only Jehovah God is- “...*the Judge of all the earth*” Gn 18:25 **NO ONE** would dare apply that title to himself, but Jesus did!

10.) Vs 23 Because He is the **JUDGE**, that fact alone should cause men to honor Him. It's only fitting that if He is equal in nature, works, power, judgment, he would be accorded equal **HONOR** to God the Father.

11.) Vs 25 speaks more about the “**SPIRITUAL**” resurrection which Jesus also brings than it does about the Physical resurrection which is future.

12.) Vs 26 The Son can give life because, like the Father, He has life. No one can **GIVE** what he himself lacks

13.) The Bible teaches the dead will be raised in sequence and mentions two specific resurrections:

1<sup>st</sup>- **righteous dead** at the second coming. The souls of the righteous dead are now in heaven w/Christ (2 Cor. 5:6-8)

2<sup>nd</sup>- **unrighteous dead** – at the Great White Throne judgment at the end of the Millennial Kingdom. The “wicked dead” are now in torment in Hades.

GREEK WORDS USED TODAY

**Thaumazo** (thou-mad'-zo) to wonder

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Did Jesus ever say He is GOD?

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There IS no more significant question than **WHO IS JESUS?** There is no middle ground to the issue, what is your answer?

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Brief review-

Jesus is equal in nature, works, power, judgment and ...equal honor