



Honor the Son

11th in the “Life in his Name” Series

John 5:19-47, p. 890
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Introduction

In this passage God teaches us about Jesus, specifically his authoritative office and his loving ministry to us.

The Text: John 5:19-47

1) Jesus fully expresses and represents God and is in perfect relationship with the Father (vv. 19-24).

All three are infinite and without beginning and are therefore only one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being. Yet these three are distinguished by several distinctive characteristics and personal relations. This truth of the Trinity is the foundation of all of our fellowship with God and of our comforting dependence on him.
(London Baptist Confession 2.3)

2) As the Son of God, Jesus has been assigned the tasks of giving life and making judgments (vv. 25-29).

3) God has provided witnesses that direct us to see the importance of Jesus and love of God (vv. 30-47).

a) The Witness of John (vv. 33-35).

b) The Witness of the Works of Jesus (v. 36).

c) The Witness of the Father (vv. 37-38).

d) The Witness of Scripture (vv. 39-40).

Response

“Honor the Son” (v. 23)

Sunday Text Questions for John 5:19-47

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- 1) Starter Question: What comes to mind when you hear the name, Jesus?

- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 3) What does Jesus' statement in v. 19 teach us about the important relationship between God the Father and God the Son?

- 4) Read John 1:18. How do vv. 20-24 explain John 1:18, and show that Jesus expresses and represents God to the world?

- 5) Look at how vv. 25-29 declare that life and judgment belong to Jesus. How should this truth affect the everyday life of Christians and the ministry of the church?

- 6) V. 34 claims that the witness of John the Baptist to Jesus was not for his benefit but for ours. What does this truth say about the character of God and how he graciously extends himself to us?

- 7) How do the miracles of Jesus, according to v. 36, point to and help us understand the work God is doing through Jesus?

- 8) According to v. 46, and supported by v. 39, Jesus teaches us that Moses wrote about him. How should this truth affect the way we read the Old Testament?

- 9) This passage helps us to understand the biblical doctrine of the Trinity: that God has revealed himself in Scripture to be one essence in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. How is this truth “the foundation of all of our fellowship with God and of our comforting dependence on him” (LBC 2.3)?

- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

Further study this week: Deuteronomy 18:15-22 on Moses pointing to Jesus (Mon); Isaiah 9:1-7 on the Old Testament pointing to Jesus' person (Tues); Isaiah 53 on the Old Testament pointing to Jesus' work (Wed); Colossians 1:15-23 on the uniqueness of Jesus (Thurs); Hebrews 1 on the supremacy of Jesus (Fri).