



# Today's Worship Service

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## PRAISE

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)*

Call To Worship

[John 3:16](#)

["God So Loved"](#)

Bergthold, Cash

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Mike Matheson

## RENEWAL

*As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Mike Matheson

Assurance of Grace

Pastor Mike Matheson

["Only A Holy God"](#)

Smith, Robinson, Farren, Thompson

["Jesus Paid It All"](#)

Grape, Hall, Nifong

Video Update from the Rebros

## PROCLAMATION

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)*

Reading of the Word

[John 5:18-47](#)

*Reader: This is God's Word for us today.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

## RESPONSE

*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)*

["The Son of Glory"](#)

Poore

Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

# Sermon Notes

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**Preacher:** Pastor Mike Matheson

**Sermon:** A Matter of Life and Death

**Scripture:** [John 5:18-47](#)

**Date:** April 26, 2020

# Sermon Review Discussion Questions

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These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

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To this point in John's Gospel we have been presented with the various answers to the question, "Who is this Jesus?" In the second half of chapter five, we are brought to a decision point. Will we side with the religious leaders who see Jesus and his claim to be equal with God ([5:18](#)) to be blasphemous? Or will we side with Jesus' own testimony about himself? This question is one we will continue to face throughout our reading of the Gospel, but it is also a question we must face daily as followers of Christ. The case against Jesus is a life or death matter. Likewise, which side we choose is also a life or death matter.

## Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to put "God in the dock"? What are the accusations most commonly brought against God and his goodness? Why is it so tempting for us to think we are capable of judging God? What are ways you tend to see yourself more right than God?
2. Are the charges against Jesus fair or unfair? What is at stake for him? Why is this an important issue for anyone seeking to honor the God of the Bible? How do these accusations bring us to either accept or reject Jesus as the true Son of God?
3. What are the bold claims that Jesus makes about himself ([5:19-30](#))? What are your reactions to them? Which of them seem to be the most bold? How might you explain the importance of these claims to someone who has not yet received Jesus as Lord?
4. How does Jesus back up his claims to be equal with God ([5:31-40](#))? How do these witnesses build upon one another? Which "witness" that Jesus presents is most compelling to you? In your opinion, how might an unbeliever react to Jesus' evidence?
5. What are the possible reactions to Jesus and his claims? What will ultimately determine how we or anyone else responds to Jesus? Knowing how this Gospel ends, how does Jesus' death and resurrection validate his bold claims?

## Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [John 6:1-21](#).

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### Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

### Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

### Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

### Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*  
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

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### Craig & Brenda Rebro

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Having resided in Racine, Craig and Brenda Rebro call Grace Church home. In 2014 the Rebro family moved to South Africa to follow God's calling. Craig & Brenda are the executive directors of [Sinani](#). They have four children: Aly in America 28, Alec 21, Sydney 19, Andrew 16. With Sinani, their mission is to mobilize, encourage, and equip the church to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of orphans, vulnerable communities, and widows. They provide support, channel generosity, and resources to those that desperately need it. They use this as a platform to share Jesus. They are a voice for orphans, vulnerable communities, and widows.



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### Stay Connected with Grace Missionaries - 1st Friday Missionary Prayer

Friday, May 1st at 7pm, we will be connecting via zoom with Grace missionaries Frank and Karren who are serving in Indonesia. We will pray for them and the people they are serving.

If you would like to join in, please contact: [joekobriger@worldteam.org](mailto:joekobriger@worldteam.org).

*Please pray for healing and recovery* for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Jim Boomsma

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**Last Week:** Livestream Attendance: 300 households

**Giving:** Last Week: \$26,178    YTD: \$493,373    +/- Budget: \$8,879

Here are some key words to listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

FATHER

AUTHORITY

LIFE

SON

JUDGMENT



# From Death to Life

Use a copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible to fill in the missing words below from John 5:19-20. Then listen to the message and fill in the outline below.



"So \_\_\_\_\_ said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the \_\_\_\_\_ can do \_\_\_\_\_ of his own accord, but only what he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ doing. For whatever the \_\_\_\_\_ does, that the \_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_. For the \_\_\_\_\_ loves the \_\_\_\_\_ and shows him all that he \_\_\_\_\_ is doing. And \_\_\_\_\_ works than these will he \_\_\_\_\_ him, so that \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_." John 5:19-20

**OUTLINE OF TODAY'S PASSAGE**

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ : Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18)
- II. Jesus' opening \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-30)
- III. Jesus calls \_\_\_\_\_ to the stand (v. 31-40)
- IV. Jesus' closing \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 41-47)

**WHAT IS THE MAIN IDEA OF TODAY'S PASSAGE?**  
 (You can copy it down or say it in your own words)

**AFTER THE SERMON ACTIVITY**

Read John 5:19. Then choose one or both of the following activities to explore what it means that whatever the Father does the Son does likewise.

- 1). Have all the kids spend a day trying to be like the dad in your family. Dress like him, talk like him, spend time doing the things that he likes to do.
- 2) Stand face-to-face with someone else and mirror image whatever they do

After you do these activities, how do these help you understand this verse. How is Jesus the same as his Father and how does what the Father does affect what Jesus does?



**REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:**

- 1. **READ COLOSSIANS 1:15-19 TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS IS THE "IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD"? WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT "ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD DWELLS IN JESUS"? COMPARE THIS WITH WHAT JOHN 1:1-18 SAYS ABOUT JESUS. THINK OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (HOLY, ALMIGHTY, ETERNAL, RIGHTEOUS, FAITHFUL, WISE, GOOD, MERCIFUL, ETC). WHAT EXAMPLES CAN YOU THINK OF WHERE JESUS DEMONSTRATED THESE SAME ATTRIBUTES?**
- 2. **WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT ONLY KNOW BUT TRUST THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD AND THAT JESUS IS GOD? IF THIS WERE NOT TRUE, WOULD WE HAVE ANY HOPE IN WHAT JESUS DID FOR OUR SALVATION? WHY OR WHY NOT?**