
The Gospel Of John
"A Reason To Believe (Or Several)"
John 5

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Introduction: We are working our way through John's gospel where John is writing to convince us that Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior, so we can find eternal life in Him.

1. We are now about 1 1/2 years into Jesus' ministry and His reputation has been growing ever since He entered public ministry.
2. The reason is simple; Jesus is a miracle worker. Those miracles are designed to convince us to believe.
3. Here in John 5, John records one of those miracles in detail along with the aftermath.
4. It's an important story on several levels:
 - We are in a similar position to these people, we must decide whether to believe in Jesus.
 - Eternal life and eternal judgment hang in the balance.
5. Jesus has given us many reasons to believe, but as we'll see, unbelief can be stubborn.
6. A closed mind and hard heart will hold you back from the life God intends.

I. An Obvious Miracle

- A. The Setting
- B. The Miracle
- C. A Hangup
- D. A Conclusion

II. An Important Message

A. The Gospel

B. Validation

- John The Baptist
- The Miracles
- God Himself
- Old Testament Scripture
- Moses

Conclusion: Now I know we are in a different time and place than these people, but what hasn't changed is the fact we must all decide what we believe about Jesus.

1. John is presenting Him as God's Son, the promised Savior, so that when we believe, we receive eternal life.
2. This is either true or false. We have all kinds of evidence available to inform our decision.
3. Don't let a closed mind and hard heart keep you from Jesus.
4. He and He alone can give you the kind of life you've always wanted!