

Week 5

7-Day Expository Bible Study through John 5

The Authority of the Son: Healing, Judgment, Life, and Witness

Memory Verse:

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

— John 5:24

Day 1 – Do You Want to Be Healed?

John 5:1–9

Theme: Jesus brings healing and life by His sovereign word.

Exegetical Reflection

Where does this event take place?

What is significant about the man Jesus meets?

Why does Jesus ask, “Do you want to be healed?”

How does Jesus heal the man?

Personal Reflection

What does this reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage point beyond physical healing?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 2 – The Sabbath and the Lord of Life

John 5:9–18

Theme: Jesus is Lord over the Sabbath because He shares the Father’s divine authority.

Exegetical Reflection

Why do the Jewish leaders confront the healed man?

How does the healed man respond?

What does Jesus later tell the man?

Why do the leaders seek to kill Jesus?

Personal Reflection

What does this passage reveal about legalism?

What does Jesus reveal about Himself?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 3 – The Son Does the Works of the Father

John 5:19–24

Theme: The Son gives life because He works in perfect unity with the Father.

Exegetical Reflection

What does Jesus mean when He says the Son can do nothing of His own accord?

What works does the Father show the Son?

What authority has been given to the Son?

What promise is given in verse 24?

Personal Reflection

What does this teach about the relationship between the Father and the Son?

Why is verse 24 such good news?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 4 – The Voice That Raises the Dead

John 5:25–29

Theme: The voice of the Son gives spiritual life now and will raise the dead on the last day.

Exegetical Reflection

What does Jesus mean when He says the dead will hear His voice and live?

What does it mean that the Father has life in Himself and has granted the Son to have life in Himself?

What future event does Jesus describe?

What does Jesus teach about judgment?

Personal Reflection

What does this passage reveal about spiritual death?

How does the future resurrection shape present life?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 5 – The Righteous Judgment of the Son

John 5:30

Theme: Jesus judges with perfect righteousness because He seeks the will of the Father.

Exegetical Reflection

What does Jesus say about His judgment?

Why is His judgment just?

How does this verse connect to the larger passage?

Personal Reflection

Why should the judgment of Jesus sober us?

Why should the judgment of Jesus comfort believers?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 6 – The Witnesses to Jesus

John 5:31–40

Theme: God has given true witness to His Son, yet sinful hearts can search Scripture and still refuse Christ.

Exegetical Reflection

Why does Jesus speak about witnesses?

What witnesses does Jesus mention?

What is the tragedy of verses 39–40?

How do the works of Jesus testify about Him?

Personal Reflection

What does this passage teach about Scripture?

How can someone study the Bible and still miss Christ?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Day 7 – Refusing Glory from God

John 5:41–47

Theme: Unbelief is exposed when people seek human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

Exegetical Reflection

What does Jesus say about the leaders' hearts?

Why do they refuse to receive Jesus?

What does Jesus say about seeking glory from man?

How does Moses testify against them?

Personal Reflection

What does this passage reveal about unbelief?

Why is seeking human glory so dangerous?

Application

Head – What should we know?

Heart – What should we love or repent of?

Hands – What should we do?

Prayer:

Closing Encouragement

John 5 reveals the authority of Jesus with breathtaking clarity.

He heals the helpless man by His word.

He confronts empty religion.

He calls God His Father.

He gives life.

He judges with righteousness.

He speaks, and the dead live.

He is the One to whom the Scriptures bear witness.

This chapter does not allow us to treat Jesus as merely inspiring, helpful, or wise.

He is the divine Son who shares the work, honor, authority, life, and judgment of the Father.

John 5 reminds you that:

- Jesus has authority over weakness and inability.
- Jesus is Lord over the Sabbath.
- Jesus gives eternal life to those who hear and believe.
- Jesus will raise the dead.
- Jesus judges with perfect righteousness.
- The Scriptures bear witness to Him.
- Human glory can blind the heart to Christ.
- True life is found by coming to Jesus.

Do not settle for religious appearance without life.

Do not search the Scriptures while refusing the Savior.

Do not live for the praise of people while missing the glory of God.

Hear the voice of the Son.

Come to Him for life.

Rest in His authority.

And seek the glory that comes from God.

