

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Jesus—Equal to the Father
John 5:10-18
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This is why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. - John 5:18

I. IT IS NOT LAWFUL

- Seeing the man carrying his mat, the Jewish leaders quickly condemn his Sabbath breaking (Vs. 10; Matt. 12:1-12; Mark 2:27).
- Upon interrogation, the healed man places the “blame” for his healing squarely on the healer, not the healed (Vs. 11; Gen. 3:12).

II. SIN, AND A LACK OF GRATITUDE

- Jesus finds the healed man and confronts his sin, offering him a firm warning (Vs. 14; Luke 13:1-5, 6-9; John 9:1-3).
- Upon hearing from Jesus, the man quickly informs the authorities that Jesus is the culprit. Apparently, he has been physically healed, but not spiritually (Vs. 15; 2 Kings 5:1-19; Luke 17:11-17).
- Partly as a result of this man’s willingness to inform on Jesus, persecution was mounting toward Jesus (Vs. 16).

III. ALWAYS AT WORK

- Ultimately, the Jews began seeking to persecute and even kill Jesus because:
 1. He broke Sabbath regulations
 2. He dared to refer to God as “my Father”
 3. They could not control him
 4. He made himself equal with God
- Fast Fact: Jesus was not making himself equal to God the Father, he *was* and *is* equal to God the Father (John 5:21, 8:58, 10:29; Rev. 22:13).
- Christ the Son, like God the Father, is always at work (Ps. 121:3-4; Isa. 40:28).

KNOW: Jesus Christ is Lord of the Sabbath. God the Father is at work, and so is Christ the Son. Jesus’ contemporaries did not mistake his claims to divinity, and neither should we.

DO: Submit yourself to Jesus as Lord and God.

Suggested Reading:

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel (LifePoint Library #232.908)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 5:10-18

1. Why does Jesus heal this man, do you think?
2. Why does Jesus do so on the Sabbath?
3. Why are the “Jews” so offended?
4. How does this healed man’s lack of gratitude strike you? Why?
5. What does Jesus’ warning to the man teach us? What is the warning about?
6. Why did the Jews start persecuting Jesus? What was the claim that upset them so much?
7. Who is Jesus? Is he divine? How do we know?
8. How does all of this apply to you?