

Lesson 11

JESUS' AUTHORITY TO GIVE LIFE AND TO JUDGE (Hear Jesus and Believe)

John 5:16-47

Key Verse: 24

1. Who persecuted Jesus and why do you think they did so (16)? What was Jesus' defense (17)? Why did this make them so murderous (18)? In verses 19-23, how do the Father and the Son relate to each other?
2. What is Jesus' promise and to whom is it given (24-25)? What does "has eternal life" and "has crossed over from death to life" mean? What authority was given to Jesus and how will it impact the eternal destiny of all people (26-29)? Why is Jesus' judgment just (30)?
3. Summarize all the claims Jesus made about himself in this passage. What various witnesses does Jesus introduce to validate his claims (31-40)? What should be our focus and purpose of Bible study (39-40)?
4. What problems did Jesus point out in the Jewish leaders (37b-47)? Do you find in yourself any of these problems? Who would become their accuser and why (45-47)?
5. Based on this passage how should we respond to Jesus?