

JESUS GIVES LIFE

John 5:17-47

Key Verse: 5:24

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”

1. How did Jesus defend himself when he was accused of healing a man on the Sabbath (17)? What did Jesus teach about his relationship to the Father and the Father’s work? Why did the Jewish leaders try to kill Jesus (18)?
2. What characterizes the relationship between the Father and the Son (19-20)? What amazing work was Jesus doing (21)? Why did the Father entrust all judgment to the Son (22-23)?
3. Read verse 24. What marvelous promise did Jesus give and to whom is it given (24)? What does it mean to cross over from death to life (Col 1:13-14)? What is the significance of hearing Jesus’ voice (25)? What authority was given to Jesus (26-27)?
4. What future event did Jesus refer to (28-29)? How will Jesus’ authority impact the eternal destiny of every human being? Why is Jesus’ judgment just (30)?
5. In verses 31-39, Jesus introduces four testimonies to support his claim of authority. What was the character of John’s testimony (33-35)? What was the weightier testimony (36)? How did the Father testify (37-38)? What is the testimony of Scripture (39)?
6. Despite the sound evidence for Jesus’ claim, what was the Jewish leaders’ response to him (40)? What real issues did Jesus point out about the Jewish leaders (41-47)? Based on this passage, how should we respond to Jesus?