



**Sermon: "The Most Amazing Thing Jesus Ever Said"**

**Scripture: John 5:16-29**

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**Introduction:**

Jesus' brief talk with the Jews contains probably the most important and amazing truths ever uttered upon earth.

The Jewish leaders believed Jesus was guilty of Sabbath **breaking** and **blasphemy**.

"What is unique about the Greek word translated "said" or "answered" in v. 19?"

**Jesus presented His defense and revealed stunning truths:**

**a. He is the Father's Equal in **Works**: The Father's Work was His Work (5:19)**

*The Father worked on the Sabbath without sin.  
Jesus is equal with the Father.  
Therefore, He worked on the Sabbath without sin.*

**b. He is the Father's Equal in **Knowledge**: The Father's Will was His Will (5:20)**

Jesus can do what the Father does, because the Father **intimately discloses** all He wills. (**Scriptures:** John 10:30; John 17:11; 17:21)

Through his words and works Jesus **revealed** the mind and purposes of God the Father on earth. (John 10:37-39)

*No one but God can understand the mind of God.  
Jesus knows and understands the mind of God.  
Therefore, Jesus is God.*

**c. He is the Father's Equal in **Giving Life**: The Father's Power was His Power**

Does Jesus claim to be God?

*The one who is the originator of life is God.  
Jesus is the originator of life.  
Therefore, Jesus is God. (**Scripture:** 2 Kings 5:7)*

Jesus is not a mere **instrument** of God, for the Son gives life to whom he **pleases!**

**d. He is the Father's Equal in **Judgment**: The Father's Authority was His Authority**

The Father designates **exclusive jurisdiction** to the Son in order that the honor due God alone might be appropriately given to Jesus Christ. (**Scripture:** Philippians 2:9-11)

**What is impact of this evidence?** A powerful one-two punch of **GRACE** and **TRUTH**. (John 1:14)

**But why does the conclusion matter?** Jesus was so very gracious as He both WARNED them with the TRUTH regarding **judgment** and gave them HOPE with the TRUTH regarding **life**!

The consequences of one's response to Jesus Christ is demonstrated in Jesus

(1) **The resurrection of dead sinners today.** (John 5:24-27)

**Scriptures:** Ephesians 2:1-5; John 14:6

(2) **The future resurrection unto life.** (John 5:28-29a)

**Scriptures:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Revelations 20:4-6

(3) **The resurrection unto judgment.** (John 5:29b)

**Scriptures:** Rev 20:11-15; John 5:24)

This "trial" is over and King Jesus has spoken. Now it is OUR turn to respond to the implications of the decision. Jesus declares the appropriate response:

1. **Marvel** at His Mighty Deeds.
2. **Honor** Him as King.
3. **Believe** on Him as Savior.

## Questions to Consider:

1. Why could God work on the Sabbath and not be considered sinning?
2. Who else in Scripture raised people from the dead? How were their actions and power different from that of Jesus?
3. Why are the truths which Jesus declared in verses 18-29 so amazing?
4. How do you explain the seeming contradiction of John 3:17 and John 5:24?
5. What is so significant about the "resurrection of dead sinners today"?
6. How do the appropriate responses declared by Jesus strike at the Jewish leaders' legalism? What kind of heart, mind and body response ought Jesus' grace and truth produce in and through us?