

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: JESUS SAYS

**John 5:18-29, ESV** – <sup>18</sup> This was 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.

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup> 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.

<sup>25</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

### Notes:

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we see Jesus made three proclamations about Himself. Why are these proclamations so significant?

2 Can a follower of Jesus believe one or two of these proclamations and not all three? Why or why not?

3 Jesus talked about receiving life in both the present and the future. What does He mean by that?

## DIGGING DEEPER

A **Acts 17:29-34, ESV** – <sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

4 How does the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead provide assurance to all?

5 Why does God now command all people everywhere to repent?

6 Comparing this passage with John 5:18-29, why is belief in Jesus connected with eternal life?

B **1 Corinthians 1:18-25, ESV** – <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

7 Explain how the “word of the cross” can be folly to some and the power of God to others.

8 Looking at the passage above, what is God’s role in salvation? What is the person’s role?

9 Why does Paul say “the folly of what we preach”? How does this make you feel about sharing the gospel with people?

## TAKING IT HOME

Jesus made it clear that He is God, and therefore, He has the power to give life and the authority to judge. How have these truths impacted what you believe and how you live your life? How has this impacted the way you share the gospel with others? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be disciples of King Jesus.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

John 1:1-3, 20:30-31

Romans 1:18-23

Hebrews 11:6