

EQUALITY WITH GOD?

John 5 / "Yeshua" §§50

Next Week: Matthew 12:1-14 / §§51-52

This morning, we will read an incredible story about the healing of a paralytic man. Jesus uses this healing to reveal to the nation of Israel that He is equal with God. As you can imagine, this totally blows their minds.

JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH (JOHN 5:1-9)

In Jerusalem, there was a pool called Bethesda. At this pool, during the time of Jesus, multitudes of people, with physical problems, would gather. There were those who were blind, lame, and paralyzed. Many believed that the pool of Bethesda was a place of healing. When the waters were stirred, the first one to be thrown in or to jump into the pool would be healed of their sickness. How, why, or by whom the pool was stirred, we do not know. But, I think it is safe to assume that something happened at this pool to cause so many to gather there. It is at this pool that Jesus finds, and heals a man who has not walked in thirty-eight years. This may seem like something that would gain Jesus much praise, but instead, this healing sets up a confrontation between Jesus and the religious leaders. Why? Jesus had broken the Oral Law by healing the man on the Sabbath.

THE FIRST ACCUSATION (JOHN 5:10-15)

Rather quickly, the religious leaders confront the healed man, but he defends himself by shifting the blame for breaking the Oral Law from himself to the one who healed him. The only problem is that he doesn't know who it was who healed him. In all the commotion and excitement, Jesus left without the man discovering who he was.

THE SECOND ACCUSATION (JOHN 5:16-18)

The story could have ended here. If Jesus was simply being a good citizen, someone who just cared for the poor, then this story ends here. But, that is not why Jesus healed this man, and it's not why he healed him specifically on the Sabbath. This was a totally different plan. Jesus had something to reveal.

John tells us why the religious leaders were persecuting Jesus, they were opposing and confronting him because he was continually breaking the Oral Law. But now, after Jesus answered their accusation by stating "My father is working until now, and I am working", they are no longer just persecuting Jesus. They now want him dead because, with that statement, Jesus claimed to be equal with God.

JESUS REVEALS HOW HE IS EQUAL WITH GOD (JOHN 5:19-29)

Instead of ending the conversation, Jesus continues to reveal to the religious leaders, with even greater clarity, how He is equal with God the Father. First, He is equal to God the

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Father because He does the works of the Father as an equal (19-21). Second, Jesus claims that he is equal to God because He will judge all men (22-23). Third, Jesus explains that, like the Father, He has the power to provide eternal life, and bring about the resurrection of the dead(24-29).

FOUR WITNESSES (JOHN 5:31-47)

Jesus doesn't need to validate his claims, but He desires that the religious leaders and the nation of Israel recognize Him as their Messiah so He gives them four witnesses with whom they were very familiar. His witnesses are; John the Baptist, His works, God the Father, and the Scriptures.

Grace Family Needs, News and Notes

Women's Ministry

Contact Billie Phipps for more info @ 619-922-9576

"Lies Women Believe" Study : Monday's 6:30pm / Tuesday's 9:30am (Room 2 / childcare provided)

Annual Bonfire : Saturday, 9/28 @ 6:00pm : Sign up at kiosk on the patio

Men's Ministry

Contact Al Lerma for more info @ 619-889-6892

Men's Conference At Pine Valley : October 4-6th : Sign up at kiosk on the patio

Voice of the Martyrs

Contact Beth Prinz for more info @ (760)788-8991

September Action Pack Donations: Money for shipping, boxes, and packing tape

Family Info

Contact Grace Office for more info @ 760-789-0562

GCC Membership Info Meeting : Sunday, 9/22 @ 10:15am (2nd service) : In the conference room upstairs