

SERMON OUTLINE John 5:15-29

Hated for Who He Was

WHY THE JEWS BELIEVED THEY HATED JESUS

Violating the Sabbath (16)

Making Himself Equal with God (17-18)

WHY THE JEWS REALLY HATED JESUS

1. *Lord of the Sabbath (16-17).*
2. *The Son of God (17-18).*
3. *Equal with God (17-18).*
4. *Entirely obedient to the Father (19).*
5. *Entirely loved by the Father (20).*
6. *All-powerful (20).*
7. *Physical, spiritual, and eternal life-giver (21, 24, 25, 28-29).*
8. *Self-existent (26).*
9. *Judge (22, 24, 27).*
10. *Worthy of all honor (23).*
11. *Sent by God (24).*

RESPONDING TO JESUS RECONSIDERED

Reconsidering the Sabbath

Reconsidering the Claim to Be Equal with God

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The main point of this passage is that if we get Jesus wrong, we get everything else wrong too. Getting Jesus right is the beginning of living in this world as we were made to do. My main prayers are that we would consider Jesus' own words concerning Himself, allow them to further refine our understanding of Jesus, and then truly live in every way in light of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever really misjudged someone, believing them to be far different than they really were? What happened as a result of your misjudgment? How did you find out you were wrong about them?
3. Can you think of any ways you significantly misjudged Jesus? What effect did that have on you? How did you find out? Has that realization humbled you at all? How do you work to avoid acting like the Jews did in this passage?
4. As you consider Exodus 20:8-11 and any related passages on the Sabbath, is there anything that makes you think performing a healing miracle or taking your bed home after having been the recipient of a miracle would violate God's Sabbath intent?
5. What is the most spectacular claim you've ever heard someone make? How did you decide whether or not to believe them?
6. Which of the eleven claims made by Jesus in our passage stands out to you the most? Why?
7. Do you know anyone who thinks of Jesus as a mere man? What from this passage might you say to them to help them?
8. What are the main ways you imagine living differently if you fully believed every claim made by Jesus in this passage?
9. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Focus on being a better listener this week, so as to help avoid misjudging other people.
11. Start a Bible reading plan today as a means of filling your mind with the truth about God. Share one thing from your reading with your DG.
12. Spend time prayerfully meditating on the eleven claims of Jesus from John 5:15-29. Ask God to fill you with appropriate awe.
13. Share one or more of these points with someone who isn't trusting in Jesus. Ask them what it would take for them to believe.
14. Try to find a hymn or song that celebrates these attributes of Jesus. Listen to it often and share it with someone else.
15. Try to create something that captures these particular glories of Jesus.
16. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

17. Adoration. Praise God for being perfect in all His judgments. Praise God for being full of honor and worthy of all praise. Praise God for being life. Praise God for being the physical, spiritual, and eternal life-giver.
18. Confess. Confess to God and (if necessary) others whatever misjudgments you've made that have led to wrong attitudes or actions toward them. Confess any pride in you that keeps you from allowing your understanding to be tested. Confess any ways you've failed to properly honor the Sabbath.
19. Thanksgiving. Thank God for sending Jesus. Thank God for giving us His Word to instruct, correct, rebuke, and restore us. Thank God for doing miracles. Thank God for a church and leaders who love you and are eager to keep watch over your soul.
20. Supplication. Ask God to increasingly fill us with true understanding of and appreciation for the person and work of Jesus. Ask God to heal someone in your life who is sick—physically or spiritually. Ask God to make us an increasingly holy people.