

John 5:15

John chapter 5 contains the account of Jesus healing a disabled man who had been sick for 38 years. Jesus healed him on a Sabbath day. The Sabbath day is the last day of each week. The Jew's had a law that said they were to rest and do no work on the Sabbath day. You can read this account here: [John 5:1-29](#). Or you can listen to it by playing the audio file: [John 05 01 thru 05 29.mp3](#). It takes about 4 minutes to listen to this audio clip.

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Think about [Mark 2:27](#).

(Jesus said) *"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."*

Think about [Deuteronomy 5:12-15](#).

(Moses said to the people of Israel) *"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, ... that your ... servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. ... Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day."*

- What was a reason God commanded the Jews to do no work on the Sabbath day?
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Think about [John 5:15-16](#).

The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

- Why were the Jews seeking to punish Jesus?
 - What should the Jews have thought about Jesus when he healed this disabled man?
Consider [Acts 2:22, 36](#). *Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know ... Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ ...*
 - What do you think; did Jesus break their law by healing a sick man on the Sabbath day?
Consider [Matthew 12:11-12](#). *He (Jesus) said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."*
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Think about [John 5:17-18](#).

But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." 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.

- How did Jesus answer the Jews who found fault with him for healing sick people on the Sabbath day?
- Why did these Jews want to kill Jesus?
- Did Jesus claim to be God?

Consider [John 10:30-33](#). (Jesus said) *"I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."*

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Think about [John 5:19-20](#).

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. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing."

- What could Jesus not do?
- What could Jesus do?
- What is true of everything Jesus did and said?

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Think about [John 5:21-29](#).

(Jesus said) "For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ... for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

The meaning of this word "*judgment*" is: the decision of a judge for the right punishment due for the evil that was committed.

- What will happen to all dead humans?
- What will happen to all dead humans who have done good?
- What will happen to all dead humans who have done evil?

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Think about [John 5:24](#).

*Truly, truly, I (Jesus) 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.*

- What good must a human do to be raised from death to life that lasts forever?

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Think about [John 5:22, 27](#).

For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son ... and ... has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

- Who will not judge anyone?
- Who will judge everyone? Why?

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Think about [John 5:22-23](#).

For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 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.

- For what reason did God make Jesus the judge of all?
- God said he would not share his glory with another. ([Isaiah 48:11](#)) Why then does God want all to value Jesus to the same degree that God is valued?
- What is true of humans who do not honor Jesus?