

Jesus' Son of God Defense (Part 2)
John 5:22-30

I. As the Son of God, Jesus also has power to judge –

²²For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. John 5:22 (NKJV)

1. *Last week I told you He had power to raise the dead –*
2. *Here, I will show His power to judge*

A. *He is able to judge because He is God, seeing and knowing all, even thoughts of anger and lust in the heart – Matthew 5:21-30*

B. *He is able to understand perfectly mitigating circumstances - Matthew 11:20-24*

C. *He is able to judge as the Son of Man, because He knows our frame and weakness*

²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. John 5:27 (NKJV)

- *We cannot accuse Him as a judge of not understanding our trials and temptations –*

¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

3. *As judge He deserves our honor –*

A. *We call ordinary judges “your honor” as they have honorable work and often our lives are in their hands!*

B. *He Who will judge all the world deserves even more honor –*

Remember He had power to give life – John 5:21, as Judge He has power to condemn forever, even for eternity –

C. *Jesus’ life-giving power was as the Lamb of God Who took away the sin of the world, but His power to judge is also as the Lamb, those in Hell, will be there eternally, in the presence of the Lamb, Who’s death could have saved them, but the rejected Him, they did not believe in Him -*

¹⁰he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” Revelation 14:10-11 (NKJV)

II. The Son of God Power of Jesus' Word and Voice –

²⁴ “**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.** John 5:24 (NKJV)

1. Hearing and believing Jesus Word –

A. Jesus spoke a lot about hearing –

¹⁵ **He who has ears to hear, let him hear!** Matthew 11:15 (NKJV)

²³ **If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”** Mark 4:23 (NKJV)

¹⁶ **If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”** Mark 7:16 (NKJV)

⁷ “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”** ’ Revelation 2:7 (NKJV)

¹¹ “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”** ’ Revelation 2:11 (NKJV)

¹⁷ “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”** ’ Revelation 2:17 (NKJV)

²⁹ “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”** ’ Revelation 2:29 (NKJV)

⁶ “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”** ’ Revelation 3:6 (NKJV)

¹³ “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”** ’ Revelation 3:13 (NKJV)

²² “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”** ” ” Revelation 3:22 (NKJV)

B. The verses above about “hearing” are just a sample, Jesus spoke about hearing and believing A LOT, hearing and believing are about all things, and are supposed to be life long –

C. In John 8:30 we are told many of the Jews believed in Jesus –

³⁰ **As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.** John 8:30 (NKJV)

D. Jesus had been talking about His relationship with God the Father, but when He started talking about their need of being freed from sin, they no longer believed Him – John 8:31-34

The same people who believed in Him in John 8:30, were accusing Him of having a demon in

⁴⁸ **Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”** John 8:48 (NKJV)

2. Jesus' life-giving Voice –

²⁵ **Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.** John 5:25 (NKJV)

A. The dead, Lazarus –

¹⁴ **Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.** John 11:14 (NKJV)

B. Those who are dead spiritually –

2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. Ephesians 2:1–3 (NKJV)

C. Raise the dead is what God does – Ezekiel 37:1–14 (NKJV)

- *This is why I pray before preaching that you would hear not just my voice, but the Voice of Christ and the Voice of God's Holy Spirit –*

⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63 (NKJV)

- *Jesus's life power is because He is God's Son! His speaking about it is still part of His Son of God defense -*

²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, John 5:26 (NKJV)

D. *He wants people to understand who He was, but even with miracles, they were not seeing this, why?*

- *He wore no halo –*

² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. Isaiah 53:2 (NKJV)

- *He was not defeating the Romans, He was not giving them the worldly victories they were desiring.*

- *He was a judge that did not look like a judge –*

²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. John 5:27

This was not His calling yet –

¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:17 (NKJV)

But it definitely will be! Here He is warning those who would judge Him, they themselves will be judged by Him –

III. Jesus, as God's Son, will come again to JUDGE all the earth -

²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. John 5:28-29 (NKJV)

1. *The Book of Revelation is describing the SAME hour / event -*

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11–15 (NKJV)

“...the greater marvel is what will happen at the Last Day, when the dead in the tombs shall be quickened by the voice of the Son of God, and final judgment shall be pronounced by Him on good and evil.” J. H. Bernard

- A. Greater than the healing they just witnessed -
- B. Greater than the raising of Lazarus – John 11
- C. Greater than (at least in appearance) than the spiritual healings & raisings they (the unconverted) were both missing and missing out on!
- D. Greater is Jesus' end time raising for judgment:
 - Because all are raised!
 - Because all will see!
 - All (even those who rejected Him) will acknowledge Him –

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8–11 (NKJV)

2. *Notice the difference in Jesus –*

- A. *Here He is answering their accusations –*

¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “**My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.**” John 5:17 (NKJV)

B. *They will be called up by His Voice, even up from their graves, in the end they will FEAR –*

¹⁴Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” Revelation 6:14–17 (NKJV)

Application: Hear Jesus' Powerful Voice, now! Today! Believe now!

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ³“Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” ⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. ⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶“Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.” ⁷“I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ” ¹⁰Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. Psalm 2:1–12 (NKJV)

1. *If you believe Jesus is God's Son, believe His Word, the Bible is powerful – Hebrews 4:12*

2. *Believe prayer in Jesus' Name is powerful –*

¹³**And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** ¹⁴**If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.** John 14:13–14 (NKJV)

3. *Believe the church, because we are God's people, can be a powerful influence in this world –*

¹⁶**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.** Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)