

Sermon: Christ Bears Witness to Himself
Scripture: John 4:46-5:47

Introduction

- A. Healing the government official's son (4:46-54)
 - B. Healing a man paralyzed or lame for 38 years (5:1-17)
 - C. Questions:
 - 1. The angel and the stirring of the water (5:3-4)
 - 2. The Sabbath and work (5:17)
 - 3. The relation between sin and sickness (5:14)
- I. Christ's testimony about Himself:
- A. He is equal with the Father and a reflection of the Father (vs. 19-20).
 - B. He gives life as the Father does (vs. 21,25,26).
 - C. He has been given judgment of men by the Father (vs. 22,28,29; John 3:18; Daniel 7:13-14).
 - D. He is the Messiah, Son of God, equal with the Father, based on numerous witnesses:
 - 1. John the Baptist (vs. 33,35)
 - 2. Miracles (vs. 36)
 - 3. The Father (vs. 37)
 - 4. Scripture (vs. 39)
 - 5. Moses (vs. 46)
- II. Christ's unique witnessing approach – He purposely opposes their belief and practice.
- A. He rejects their man-made religious rules.
 - B. He unashamedly claims to be God and equal with the Father.
 - C. Why?
- III. Christ's reception and rejection:
- A. Received by the humble
 - B. Rejected by the self-righteous
 - C. Ours?