

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Majestic, This is Amazing Grace, Beautiful Savior, Revelation Song

WELCOME

Jesus is. Give three top-of-the-mind attributes of Jesus for you.

WORD

JOHN 5:18-24

¹⁸ For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. ¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. ²² For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. ²⁴ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

Jesus is the heart and soul of the Christian faith. If we have a wrong view of Him, we will have a wrong understanding of Christianity, God and ourselves. We need to understand clearly who Jesus is.

He is more than just a good man. He is divine in nature, equal with God the Father. When Jesus claimed that equality, the Rabbis sought to kill Him all the more because they considered that blasphemy.

How did Jesus support His claim to be God?

WORK (JOHN 5:17-30)

The Rabbis saw that Jesus was performing a miracle on the Sabbath, and so they accused Him of breaking the fourth commandment. But Jesus said that just like the Father is always at work, so is He (**John 5:17**).

The laws were made by God for sinful men to establish order. God Himself never rests in governing this world. He made the heaven and earth, watches over it and will not sleep (**Psalms 121:2-4**).

Jesus told the Rabbis that by nature, He is one with the Father. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one God working together, not independently from each other. Jesus can do whatever the Father can do (**vv. 19-21**) but He will not do it because it is not His role to do so (**Matthew 24:36**).

Jesus is equal with the Father, yet He submits to Him (**John 14:28**). Paul explained that although Jesus is God He chose to humble himself and save us for the Father's glory (**Philippians 2:5-11**).

Jesus was with the Father since creation (**John 17:5**), but He temporarily left that glory to save us. We should honor Him by humbling ourselves and submitting to Him.

Jesus will judge us according to our deeds (**John 5:22-29**). Everyone who believes His Word also believe the Father who sent Him. Those who believe will have eternal life and will no longer be judged (**Romans 8:1**).

WORSHIP (JOHN 5:23-29)

Jesus is worthy of the same honor and worship that people give God (**v. 23**). The apostles and angels knew that only God must be worshipped (**Matthew 4:10; Revelations 22:9; Acts 10:25-26**). Jesus, being God, accepted man's worship (**Matthew 2:2,11; 28:17**).

As followers of Jesus, we worship by being His disciples and making disciples (**Matthew 28:19-20**). We worship Jesus when we give our best to Him, not for what we can get from Him but for what we can give to Him. The blessing of God is not the wealth or relationship; it is Jesus Himself.

WORD (cont'd)

WITNESSES (JOHN 5:31-47)

John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3; Mark 1:2-4) – Centuries before John was born, Isaiah prophesied about his role as a witness to the life of Jesus.

God the Father (John 5:36-38) – When Jesus was baptized, the Father testified, “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (**Matthew 3:17**).

The Scriptures (John 5:39-42) – The testimony of the Scriptures, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, affirms that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega (**Revelation 1:17-18**). He founded the earth and placed them in order (**Isaiah 48:11-16**).

Moses (John 5:45-47) - Moses wrote about Jesus in the Torah. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law. If the Rabbis believed in the writings of Moses, which they do, then they must worship Jesus too.

HONOR JESUS

If Jesus is really the God we are honoring, we are to submit to His Lordship, hear His Words and apply them in our lives. As Jesus said, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (**Matthew 7:24-29**).

The evidence of our belief in Him is our obedience. When Jesus promises us something, we can be sure it will be fulfilled. He will surely accomplish it because He is equal with His Father. Honor Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Blasphemy.** According to **John 5:18** why did the Jewish leaders seek to kill Jesus?
- 2. I Believe in Jesus.** Why do you believe in Jesus? What makes Him God to you?
- 3. Honor Jesus.** Is your work, worship and witness honoring to Him? How will you honor Him this week?

WORKS

MULTIPLY HIS LIKENESS

Honor Jesus by witnessing. Write down the names of people you have witnessed for Jesus and names of the people you desire to witness to. Share your desire with your small group or your accountability partner to pray with you in honoring God through witnessing.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends