

The Gospel of John week 5

John 20:30-31 (NLT) The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

What or who has authority in your life?

John 5:1-15

John 5:13-15 (NLT) The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

This man gave authority to whatever was popular in the moment and benefited _____.

Jesus' intention is to change _____, not just outward actions.

John 5:16-18

The tension between Jesus and the Jewish leaders was about _____.

John 5:19-30

Jesus has the authority to _____ but has a heart of love, shown by grace.

John 5:24 (NLT) "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

John 5:31-47

Jesus' authority comes from multiple sources.

Source #1: _____ witness

John 5:33 (NLT) In fact, you sent investigators to listen to John the Baptist, and his testimony about me was true.

Source #2: _____ witness

John 5:36 (NLT) But I have a greater witness than John—my teachings and my miracles. The Father gave me these works to accomplish, and they prove that he sent me.

Source #3: _____

John 5:39-40 (NLT) "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

The Jewish Leader's perceived authority comes from two false sources:

False Source #1: _____

John 5:43 (NLT) For I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them.

False Source #2: _____

John 5:45 (NLT) "Yet it isn't I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes.

Final Thought: _____ (NLT) If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.

John week 5 Discussion Questions:

Read John 5:19-47. What are the main points of Jesus' speech? What do we learn about God's character from these words?

Verse 24 shows that God is gracious. Verse 30 shows that God is just. Can these both be true? Explain.

How does our culture view authority? Have you seen this change over your lifetime? Explain. Of the two false sources of authority, which do you see the most prevalent today? Explain. What authorities are present in your life? Do you always live under them? Why or why not?

The three sources of Jesus' authority; human witness, Divine witness, and scripture, are also three things that we can rely on for guidance in our journey; if they all agree. Describe a time when all three of these agreed in your life when facing a decision. Why is it important that they do all agree, is two enough? Why or why not?

What is one thing you can do this next week to purposefully give Jesus authority in your life?