<u>John 5:15</u>

In this passage, Jesus had healed 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 Sabbath days. (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

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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.

- 1. Why were the Jews seeking to punish Jesus?
- 2. What should the Jews have thought about Jesus when he healed this disabled man?
- 3. What do you think; did Jesus do evil by healing a sick man on the Sabbath day? (<u>Matthew</u> <u>12:11-12</u>)

(2)

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.

- 1. How did Jesus answer the Jews who found fault with him for healing sick people on the Sabbath day?
- 2. Why did these Jews want to kill Jesus?
- 3. Did Jesus claim to be God? (John 10:30-33)

(3)

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.

- 1. What could Jesus <u>not</u> do?
- 2. What could Jesus do?
- 3. What is true of everything Jesus did and said?

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Think about John 5:21-29.

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 (Jesus) 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.

- 1. What will happen to all dead humans?
- 2. What will happen to all dead humans who have done good?
- 3. 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.*

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

(6)

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.

Note: *Judgment* is the decision of a judge for the right punishment or reward someone deserves for their deeds.

- 1. Who will not judge anyone?
- 2. 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.

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