



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Series: Jesus in John

Message: *“Honor Jesus”*

Text: John 5:16-47

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SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

John 5:16-47, John 8, **Mark 2:23-28**, Isaiah 40:28 (Sabbath not needed by God), Luke 2:42-50 (Jesus had to be about the Father’s business), Luke 22:42 (“not my will but your be done”), Revelations 22:1 (throne of Father and the Lamb), 1 Corinthians 15:23 (resurrection of those in Christ), Acts 10:38 (Jesus was set apart of the Holy Spirit of God as He is God), Romans 14:9 (Lord of the Dead), Daniel 12:2, Mark 9:48-49 (description of Hell and the body that endures it), Matthew 11:15, 13:9,18

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[John 5:16-47]

“¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus because he was doing these things on the Sabbath (healing). ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” ¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as

the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ 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.

²⁴ Truly, truly, I 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.

²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. ³⁰ “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

³¹ If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. ³³ You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴ Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶ But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

⁴¹ I do not receive glory from people. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: MosesMark 2:23-28, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 5:16–47.

BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

[SABBATH FROM SCRIPTURE]

Exodus 16:23-30 “*And he said unto them, This is that which Jehovah has spoken, Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath unto Jehovah: bake that which ye will bake, and boil that which ye will boil; and all that remains over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not become foul, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that to-day; for to-day is a sabbath unto Jehovah: to-day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that there went out some of the people to gather, and they found none. And Jehovah said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that Jehovah has given you the sabbath, **therefore he gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days**; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day.”*

Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *The Messianic Bible Study Collection*, vol. 176 (Tustin, CA: Ariel Ministries, 1983), 16–17.

- **Summary- Basically they were not to gather Manna on the Sabbath**

Exodus 20:8-11 “*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates: for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”*

1. This passage contains the fourth commandment and six observations can be made. The first observation is that God used the word *Remember* in verse 8, not as a reference back to Genesis 2, but as a reference to its nearest context, Exodus 16. He can now say *Remember*, since it was already mentioned in chapter 16. However, in Deuteronomy 5:12, which does not have the same context, He used the word to *Observe*, rather than *Remember*.
2. The second observation, also in verse 8, is that they were *to keep it holy*; they were to keep it as a special day, separated from all others as a day dedicated to God.
3. The third observation, verses 9–10, is that the key way to keep it holy was cessation from work. This included family members, servants, strangers, and domesticated animals. God rested on the seventh day and so Israel is to rest on the seventh day.
4. The fourth observation, verse 11, is that only now is the word *Shabbat* applied to *the seventh day* of Genesis 2:2–3. Again, this does not mean that the Sabbath of the seventh day of Genesis 2 had already been set aside for humanity. The word *wherefore* in Hebrew is *al kein*, which means that the present command was

based upon a previous event. The previous event was the fact that God rested on the seventh day, but it does not mean the command itself was previously enforced at the time of the event. The construction causally connects an event of the past with a situation or command in the present.

5. The fifth observation is that there is no obligation here to worship God on this day; the Sabbath was not a day of worship, but a day of rest.
6. And the sixth observation is that this was not a day of total inactivity, but a day of rest and refreshment. The rest itself was an act of worship; corporate worship was not a factor in the Old Testament Sabbath.”

Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *The Messianic Bible Study Collection*, vol. 176 (Tustin, CA: Ariel Ministries, 1983), 17–18.

Exodus 23:12

Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest; [the purpose was] that your ox and your ass may have rest, and the son of your handmaid, and the sojourner, may be refreshed.

This verse contains a short summary concerning the Sabbath law, and three observations can be made: first, the emphasis of this passage is again on rest and refreshment; secondly, it includes both man and animal; and thirdly, there is no command for corporate worship.

Exodus 31:12–17

This passage provides some details concerning the Sabbath law. In verse 12, God spoke to Moses. In verse 13, God told Moses to speak to the children of Israel that they keep His sabbaths. The reason was that it was a sign between God and Israel throughout their generations that they may know that Jehovah is the One who sanctifies them.

Then in verses 14–17, God adds: *Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever does any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Jehovah: whosoever does any work on the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.*

There are seven observations concerning these verses. First, this passage follows the instructions concerning the Tabernacle. The work on the Tabernacle was holy work, but the law of the Sabbath still applies and supersedes, so they could not even do this holy work on the Sabbath day. Secondly, the Sabbath is now called an *ot*, meaning a “sign” between God and Israel. The Sabbath is a sign that it is God who sanctifies or sets Israel apart from all other nations. It is a sign that God ceased to work after six days and rested on the seventh. As a sign, it could only be meant for Israel. It is a memorial of Creation. It is a sign of God’s covenant relationship with Israel. Thirdly, the Sabbath is a *perpetual covenant*, for it is a sign of the Mosaic Covenant. It is *perpetual*, meaning it was to be in existence as long as the Mosaic Covenant was in effect. Fourthly, the penalty for disobedience was *death*. Fifth, the specific command was cessation from work. Sixth, profaning the Sabbath meant to work on the Sabbath and thus consider the Sabbath like any other day. They were to do no work but to stay at home. And seventh, there is no command for corporate worship.

Exodus 34:21

Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest: in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

This passage prohibits plowing or reaping on the Sabbath day, and four observations can be made. First, the Sabbath law applied even during the critical times of plowing and harvest. Secondly, this is a short summary that came with the second set of tablets. Thirdly, the main emphasis is that on the Sabbath day there must be a cessation of all farm work. And fourthly, there is no command for corporate worship.

Exodus 35:1–3

This passage has for its main point that there was to be no kindling of fire on the Sabbath day. According to verse 1, it is a command, and God states in verses 2–3: *Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of solemn rest to Jehovah: whosoever does any work therein shall be put to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.*

Six observations are made in this passage: first, the Sabbath day is mandatory; secondly, the Sabbath day is a *holy day*; thirdly, the Sabbath is a day of *solemn rest*; fourthly, violating the Sabbath incurs the death penalty; fifth, the command proper is that there be no **kindling of fire on the Sabbath day; and sixth, there is no command for corporate worship on this day.**

[NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE ON THE SABBATH]

MARK 2:24-27 “²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶ how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” ²⁷ And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ **So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.**”

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Mk 2:24–28.

“Lord, Liar, or Lunatic?”

-CS Lewis

OUTLINE:

I. (v16-18) THE PROBLEM the World has with Jesus

- A. (v16) **The reasons they were persecuting Jesus** was brought to a head in their minds by Jesus performing a miracle on the Sabbath day
 - 1. Healing could only be done by the Divine
 - a) God healed through the disciples/apostles
 - b) God healed through a divine act
- B. (v16) The Sabbath represented
 - 1. The law and Moses
 - 2. The rule of the Pharisees (to deal with the law was to wipe out or undermine the authority of the religious sect)-- Man-made/ added onto the law God had established
- C. (v17) “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”
 - 1. Jesus uses the **pronoun “My”** to indicate a personal and gentile connection to God making Jesus Deity
 - 2. Jesus argues from the standpoint of the divine Father

- a) God the Father has **not ceased to work** or else creation would cease to be (if God stops working everything ceases to be)
 - (1) His providential work (His daily care for creation)
 - (a) Ex: Rain, earth's rotation
 - (2) His creative work (continuing to grow things and give life)
 - (a) Ex: Trees, Babies
- 3. Jesus argues that He and the Father being Divine, both not ceased from working
 - a) Jesus was there at the beginning of creation and before (Genesis 1, John 1)

D. (v17) Jesus is saying that He is Lord of the Sabbath

- 1. The Jews saw the Sabbath from an Old Testament view
 - a) Mis-interpreted from Jeremiah
- 2. Jesus states in **Mark 2:24-27** *"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."*
 - a) *We were never to worship the Sabbath itself*
 - b) *The Sabbath was a way to ensure physical rest (for our working as humans)- need*
 - c) *The Sabbath was a way to ensure Spiritual rest (setting us apart to the Lord alone in focus)*
- 3. If the Sabbath was made for man then Jesus being God man was Lord of the Sabbath (over and higher than the Sabbath)
 - a) The Sabbath was created by God and given as an example in creation for us although in a greater sense He never fully rested of creation would have come undone (creation requires God's sustaining power to continue)

E. (v18) makes it clear that Jesus' breaking of the Sabbath and in their view committing blasphemy (calling himself equal to God/divine)

F. (v18) The desire to kill Jesus was growing because of His claims/proofs that He was divine yet they could not see truth as they had defined it for themselves

= How often do we worship the religious rules and not the Lord?

= How often do we get bent out of shape over the wrong things and deny God the

II. (v16-30) THE PROCLAMATIONS of Jesus

There are seven proofs that Jesus is the Son of God in verses 16-30... Jesus is equal to the Father...

- A. (v16) **Proof #1** Jesus was equal to God **in Service** because they were both healing and sustaining creation from the beginning (working)
 - 1. God cannot fully cease from working or creation would cease
 - 2. God draws and heals man on the sabbath

- B. (v19) **Proof #2** Jesus is one **in will** with the Father
 - 1. (v19) “what He (Jesus) sees the Father doing”= *To contemplate, to perceive, = to know what God the Father is doing*
 - a) *Jesus understood and perceived the will of the Father as they are one*

 - 2. (v19) “for whatever the Father does, that **the Son does likewise**”-
 - a) Jesus was absent of selfish ambition and only did what the Father desired as they desired the same things in His earthly mission
 - b) **Jesus’ actions were the actions of the Father as they are in perfect sync**

- C. (v20) **Proof #3** Jesus is one with the Father in Wisdom
 - 1. (v20) “For the Father loves the Son and **shows him all that he himself is doing**. And greater works than these will show him, so that you may marvel.”
 - a) *The Father in His great wisdom is fulfilling the story of Redemption (from Genesis to Revelation)*
 - b) *Jesus is one with the Father in that Wisdom and there is nothing hidden from the Son*

- D. (v21) **Proof #4** Jesus is one with the Father in **Sovereign Right**
 - 1. (v21) “For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.”
 - a) *Sovereign election*
 - (1) *John 6:44 “no one comes to the Father unless the Father draws them”*

(2) God the Father and Son are united in whom they quicken (bring to life) and draw through the person of the Holy Spirit

(3) God the Father and the Son are united when the quicken (bring to life) or draw through the person of the Holy Spirit

b) God the Father and Son are united in Giving His bride life (making people part of His family) (Some translations=quickens)= **1. LN 17.10 cause to stand up, rise, arise (Mk 5:41); cause to wake up (Ac 12:7); 4. cause to exist (newness of life), raise up a child; raise to life (Mt 28:6; Mk 16:14 v.r.)**

E. (v22-23) **Proof #5** Jesus is one with the Father in Honor

1. (v22-23) “²²For **the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son.** ²³**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.”

a) The very Jesus who is despised and rejected by men today will be the final Judge at the judgment seat (the great white throne/the Bema seat of Christ)

b) All who will not worship him now and will not recognize Him as God the Son Lord of the Sabbath will then bow a knee

(1) Philippians 2:7-11 “⁷but emptied himself, **by taking the form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death**, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and **every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.”

(a) We can honor Him now or *we will honor Him at the Judgement seat* before you are cast into eternal darkness

(b) Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath Rest and if you do not Honor Him in this life there is no rest/there is no eternal rest

F. (v24-26) **Proof #6** Jesus is one with the Father in Life-Giving

1. (v24-26) “²⁴ Truly, truly, I 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.* ²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when **the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God**, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so **he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.**”

a) Those whom the Father, Son, And Spirit draws will hear and believe (This is the effective call of God)...

b) (The means) Through the Word of God, the Spirit reveals who Jesus is and what He has done for our salvation

c) “Those who hear the voice of the Son will live”- His sheep know His voice

(1) John 10:3-4 “The sheep hear his voice, and **he calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, **for they know his voice.**”

d) (v24) Those who believe in Jesus don't have to wait on eternal life but rather they possess (Has) eternal life in the present

(1) Life belongs to them (where they were spiritually dead/separated from God)

(2) And life with Christ begins in the present through the Holy Spirit (no longer separated from Christ)

(3) Those that have life possess the life of Christ evidenced by the deeds Christ does in and through them

e) (v25) Jesus was speaking to His earthly ministry and forward again connecting belief or faith in Jesus that guaranteed not only immediate Spiritual life but a future Physical resurrection as well

(1) Ephesians 2:8-9 “it is by grace you are saved through faith”

(2) Roman 10:9-10 “ if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth, one confesses and is saved.”

G. (v27-30) **Proof #7** Jesus is one with the Father **in Power and Authority**

1. (v27-30) “he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

a) **Example:** When Jesus called to Lazarus to come out of the grave if he hadn't called Lazarus by name all the dead would have come out... as **Jesus has been given authority over the dead**

b) Jes has been given authority over the judicial verdict in the end... The power and authority is Jesus' to pronounce who is His and who He never knew and who never trusted Him as Lord

(1) Those who have done evil is all who have not trust Jesus as Lord as they have done the works of Satan as they followed the desires of their flesh

2. (v30) “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and **my judgment** is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.”

a) The Father and the Son are unified in every way including the just judgment (God the Father is Holy and Just and so is the Son of God)

b) In the end, when Jesus makes the final judgment it will be just and true and permanent (Jesus makes no mistakes)

c) What Jesus the Judge states in His judgment from the throne on that last day will be the Father's will

= Should we not come to a place that we see and understand the will (of Command) of the Father and the Son?

= Should we not come to a place of proclaiming that it must be the will of the Lord in our lives?

= Roman 10:9-10 “ if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth, one confesses and is saved.”

= These are seven proofs Jesus gives that he is the Son of God and not just the Son of Man have all power and authority from God over the eternal

III. (v31-47) THE PROFESSIONS

- A. (v31) **Jesus testifies** (Jesus verbal testimony) of His Identity as Lord and His Testimony is true because He is God
- B. (v32) **Another** that bears witness (present tense- The Father Bears witness that Jesus is the son of God)-
1. Mark 1:10-11 “And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.”
 2. *The Word of God* has been sent forward testifying of the identity of Jesus Christ as the Son of God
- C. (v33-35) **John the Baptist** testified of Jesus’ Identity as the Son of God/Lord
1. John 1:29-30 “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ (Jesus being younger in age can only indicate that Jesus is the God man)
- D. (v36) The **very works Jesus** was doing there before them were signs of His identity as the Son of God
1. The Works He was doing could only be done by God’s power and God’s will as they went against natural law
- E. (v37-39) Jesus testified that because they would not believe the messenger and focus of Scripture they would not have eternal life..
1. (v37-40) “And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet **you refuse to come to me that you may have life.**”
 - a) **All men are responsible to turn to Jesus** and are all already condemned apart from him already (John 3:16-18)
- F. (v41-43) “⁴¹ **I do not receive glory from people.** ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father’s name,

and you do not receive me. *If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.*”

1. Jesus does not seek to please man (doing as the Jews desired) but glory is due His name from men
2. Jesus sought to glorify the Father and the Father to glorify His Son
3. Jesus was here to please the Father and do His will as they are one in Will
4. Jesus in His omniscience knew they did not believe or love the Father
5. We as humans quickly honor fallen men but we choose not to Honor God and *surely not the Son of God* (this reveals our fallen condition and our just reward is eternal darkness)

G. (v44-45) “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵ **Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father.** There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.”

1. Jesus doesn't have to accuse you as the Law is in place and does the accusing
2. Jesus will only render what the Law says is justice (John 3:17-18)

H. (v46-47) “⁴⁶ For **if you believed Moses, you would believe me;** for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

1. Moses and the Law all pointed to Jesus as the answer to our sin problem and *the only way to real rest* (Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath)
 - a) Through shadows and symbols of Jesus
 - (1) Passover
 - (2) The Exodus (leading His children out of bondage/spiritual bondage)

“All is of the Father- all is
by the Son”

-Dr. John Brown

