

John 5:1-17 :: One Pursuit, Pt. 11

I. Introduction

II. Story: John 5:1-17

a. Legend of the Pool

b. Do you want to get well?

c. **AND THAT DAY WAS THE SABBATH**

4th Commandment; Additional rules; The 39th rule was you could not carry anything from one residence to another on the Sabbath; this would be a 'burden' and it would be considered work, unless you were transporting someone out of compassion.

d. Persecution by the Pharisees; Jesus answers:
"Jesus answered them, 'My Father is working until now, and I am working.'"

Col 1:17, "He is before all things and in him all things hold together." The glue of this universe, this world is the S-o-n.

III. 3 Summary Statements that begin with Truly, Truly

A. Statement #1: **THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE**

(v. 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.

DA Carson:

"In a theistic universe, such a statement belongs to one who is himself to be addressed as God, or to stark insanity. The one who utters such things is to be dismissed with pity or scorn, or worshipped as Lord. There is no rational middle ground."

B. Statement #2: **YOU WILL NOT BE JUDGED**

(v. 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.

Why will you not come into judgment? Because Jesus has already stood in your place. He was judged for you. THIS IS AN AWESOME TRUTH and we need to LIVE IN CHRIST'S TRIUMPH. WE NEED TO LIVE IN THE HOPE THAT COMES FROM CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST.

C. 3rd Statement: You Will Have Life Now.

"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.

As Paul wrote (1 Cor. 15:45); "the first Adam became a living being, the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit." And John unpacks what that Abundant Life looks like as we will read further in His Gospel.

IV. 4 Witnesses

1. John the Baptist

There is another **who bears witness about me**, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. **You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.**

He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

John the Baptist preached "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:30)

2. The Miracles

In John 3:2, Nicodemus (leading Pharisee) came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

3. The Father

And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.

4. The Scriptures

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,