Lesson - John 5:16-23 (NIV based)

THEME - Healing On The Sabbath

READ vv.16-18

v.16 Were the Jews justified in persecuting Jesus because He broke the Sabbath law? A: see Exo. 31:12-17

v.17 What was Jesus' reason for healing on the Sabbath? Is it valid?

v.18 Were the Jews justified in trying to kill Jesus according to O.T. law? A: see Lev. 24:13-16; Exo. 22:28; blasphemy = act of claiming the attributes of deity; insulting God, irreverence, contempt

According to this verse, by conclusion what meaning does the title "Son of God" carry?

READ vv. 5:19-23

v.19 mean? Is the Son truly equal to the Father then? What then is the relationship between the Father & the Son? A: the Son is in voluntary submission to the Father yet equal to the Father - see v.21 the Son has equal power

v.20 mean? the Father will show the Son even greater things?

v.22 Judgment of what or whom?

Does the Father judge anything or anyone? see I Pet. 1:17; Rom. 14:9-12; Ps. 7:11 A: All Persons of the Trinity are involved even when it appears as though one of Them is accomplishing a task or activity. see v.21

vv.22-23 What is the results of the Son's voluntary submission & dependence upon the Father?

v.23 How should we distribute our honor & praise among the Persons of the Trinity?

What happens if our honor or praise gets out of balance? Examples? Jehovah's Witnesses, others?

What is the main concept of vv.19-23? A: Even though the Son is in submission to the Father, the Son is equal to the Father and together they work together to do even greater things - even on the Sabbath.

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