

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 5:19-47)

1. At the beginning of the sermon, I shared some statements that were blatantly false saying "Can you believe that...?"  
As I mentioned, I am definitely not an authority on any of the fields to which I was speaking:  
Can you think of a time where someone was speaking ignorantly about a topic with another person who was an authority on it?  
What was the situation, and what was the reaction of those involved in the discussion?  
How does this relate to what Jesus experienced in this situation with the Pharisees who were accusing Him?
2. Jesus entire response in verses 19-47 validates His work and His claims of oneness with the Father.  
As you examine his statement in verse 19 "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord..."  
- What initially appears to be a statement of limitation is actually one of exaltation.  
How is that the case?  
What would it look like if we were resolved "do nothing of [our] own accord..." in our lives?  
How can we strive to bring our will into alignment with the will of our Heavenly Father?  
What are some practical steps we can take to accomplish this?  
(Consider how Jesus lived and what He valued)
3. Read John 5:24-25  
How do His statements here relate to what He's already stated (as recorded previously in the Gospel of John).  
What does it mean that to pass from "death to life"?  
In what ways is this evident in how we live our lives (or, if it isn't evident in our lives, what does that reveal?)  
How does seeking to understand our life in Christ as "already" and "not yet" impact how we live?  
(Already forgiven and positionally blameless before our God, but not yet complete in Christ Jesus)  
(Another way to put this, God's Kingdom is inaugurated, but not fully realized yet)  
In what ways does this reality simultaneously encourage, motivate, and challenge us?
4. Jesus speaks of many different "witnesses" about himself in verses 33-47.  
Why would this be so important when dealing with the Pharisees in particular?  
As you read through the verses, how do each of the following testify and witness about Jesus?
  1. John the Baptist (v. 33-35)
  2. Jesus' Testimony (v. 36)
  3. Jesus' Works (v. 36)
  4. The Father Himself (v. 37-38)
  5. The Scriptures (v.39-40)
  6. Moses (v.45-47)Why should this be so compelling to the Pharisees given their roles in the culture at that time?

5. (Continuing from Question 4) Jesus does marvelous works before their eyes & tells them these truths, and they **STILL** reject Him!

Does this help us to understand Jesus' statements about wicked & adulterous generations seeking a sign?

How about us?

Do we ever challenge & question Jesus for not meeting our expectations or doing what we want Him to do?

Do we see the reality of how all of creation is aimed and making much of Jesus?

How can we have eyes to better see His work around, among, and within our lives?

Why is does it matter?

5. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

1. **Jesus can do no wrong!**

*He only does the will of The Father*

2. **Believe in Jesus as He's revealed in Scripture!**

*If you deny Him, you deny God The Father*

3. **Don't seek your own glory in this life!**

*Seek the glory of the God of eternity in Christ!*

4. **Place your faith only in Jesus & His finished work!**

*In doing so, you've passed from death to life!*