

The Astounding Authority: Equality with God

John 05:17–30

1. *Jesus claimed equality with God*

- a. His claim:
Called God “My Father”
- b. His claim clearly understood

17 Jesus said to them,
“My Father is always at his work
to this very day,
and I, too, am working.”

18 For this reason
the Jews tried all the harder to kill him:
not only was he breaking the Sabbath,
but he was even calling God his own Father,
making himself equal with God.

2. *Proof 1: His obedience*

- a. He did not act alone
- b. He did exactly
what He saw the Father do

19 Jesus gave them this answer:
“I tell you the truth,
the Son can do nothing by himself;
he can do only what he sees
his Father doing,
because whatever the Father does
the Son also does.

3. *Proof 2: His great works*

- a. God loves His Son
- b. God shows Him what to do

20 For the Father loves the Son
and shows him all he does.
Yes, to your amazement
he will show him
even greater things than these.

4. *Proof 3: His power to quicken, to give life, to raise people from the dead*

21 For just as the Father raises the dead
and gives them life,
even so the Son gives life
to whom he is pleased to give it.

5. *Proof 4: His control over the whole judicial process of judgment*

- a. The purpose:
That all may honour the Son
- b. The fact:
If Christ is not honoured,
God is not honoured

22 Moreover,
the Father judges no one,
but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

23 That all may honour the Son
just as they honour the Father.

He who does not honour the Son
does not honour the Father,
who sent him.

<p>6. Proof 5: <i>His power over people's destiny, to save people from death</i></p> <p>a. How men are saved</p> <p> 1) Hearing His Word</p> <p> 2) Believing that God sent His Son, Jesus</p> <p>b. The result: Eternal life</p> <p>c. The facts: The spiritually dead can hear the voice of God's Son and live — <i>now</i></p> <p>7. Proof 6: <i>His energy of life, His self-existence</i></p> <p>8. Proof 7: <i>His authority to execute judgment</i></p> <p>9. Proof 8: <i>His claim to be the Son of Man</i></p> <p>10. Proof 9: <i>His power to resurrect all people from the grave</i></p> <p>a. People who have done good: Resurrected to life</p> <p>b. People who have done evil: Resurrected to condemnation</p> <p>c. The judgment: Will be a just judgment</p>	<p>24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.</p> <p>25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.</p> <p>26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.</p> <p>27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.</p> <p>28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice</p> <p>29 And come out — those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.</p> <p>30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.</p>
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