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**Wed Night Bible Study**

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**JESUS EQUAL TO GOD**

**[In Nature; Power & AUTHORITY]**

**John 5:22-30 (NKJV)**   
***22  For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,   
23  that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.   
24  "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.   
25  Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, 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 to have life in Himself,   
27  and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.   
28  Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice   
29  and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.   
30  I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.***

[**5:22**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A22)**.** The Son's ability to give life is tied with His right to judge mankind ([v. 27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A27)). **The Father** has placed this in Jesus' hands.

[**5:23**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A23)**.** Jesus' unity with His **Father** is so complete that the **honor** of God is tied to Jesus. To reject or dishonor God **the Son** is to reject and dishonor God **the Father.**

[**5:25**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A25)**.** Jesus' life-giving power can call a person out of the grave ([Jn. 11:43](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+11%3A43)), everyone from their tombs ([5:28-29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A28-29)), or anyone in spiritual death ([v. 24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A24)) to eternal life.

[**5:26-27**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A26-27)**.** In the Incarnation God the Father delegated to Jesus the **authority to judge**. As **the Son of Man** ([Dan. 7:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+7%3A13)), authority is given to Him.

[**5:28-29**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A28-29)**.** Jesus said His hearers should **not be amazed at** His claim that right now those who believe pass from death into life ([v. 24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A24)), because in the future there will be a universal physical resurrection at His command. This universal resurrection is clearly taught in [Daniel 12:1-2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+12%3A1-2). Other passages show that the resurrection to life, "the first resurrection," will occur in stages (the church at the Rapture, and Tribulation saints at the Lord's second coming at the end of the Tribulation), and that the resurrection of those who will **be condemned** will occur at the end of the Millennium ([Rev. 20:11-15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+20%3A11-15)). [John 5:28-29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A28-29) is one of the few passages in this Gospel which expressly teaches eschatology.

[**5:30**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A30)**.** This verse is transitional; it concludes the section on Jesus' unity with the Father ([vv. 19-30](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A19-30)). The section ends the way it began, with the point that the Son **can do nothing** apart from the Father (cf. [v. 19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+5%3A19)). His **judgment,** as everything He does, **is** from the express will of the Father. He is the perfect Spokesman for the Father and His effective Executive. Jesus' will is to do the Father's will (cf. [4:34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+4%3A34); [8:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+8%3A29)), which shows that He has the same nature.

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