

Jesus the Power of Eternal Life John 5:18-29

Introduction: In our text today, Jesus' words got Him into trouble. Not because they were against God's moral law, but because they ran in the face of the religious authorities in Jerusalem.

Last week we looked deep into Jesus' healing the lame man at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath. What began as a big controversy over Sabbath breaking now becomes a deadly offense and a wicked plot to kill Him...Jesus is considered guilty of claiming to be equal with God... and for that He should die!

Jesus Makes Six Great Claims

1. **I am Equal with God (vs. 17-20)**

*"he was even calling God **his own** Father, making himself **equal with God.**"*

2. **I am the Giver of Life (vs. 21, 26)**

"also the Son gives life to whom he will."

3. **I am the Final Judge (vs. 22-23)**

"For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,..."

4. **I am the Determiner of Man's Final Destiny (vs. 24)**

"...whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life."

5. **I will Raise the Dead (vs. 25-29)**

"...the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live."

6. **I am Always Doing God's Will (vs. 30)**

"I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

Conclusion: Going first class on the Titanic?