

Sermon Title: Why Jesus Only: Because He is Equal With God In Power

Sermon Text: John 5:19-21

Sermon Purpose:

Sermon Proposition:

Introduction: “A Kindergarten teacher told everyone to draw a picture of what was important to them. In the back of the room Johnny began to labor over his drawing. Everybody else finished and handed in their picture but he didn’t. He was still drawing. The teacher graciously walked back and put her arm around Johnny’s shoulder and said, ‘Johnny, what are you drawing?’ He didn’t look up; he just kept on working feverishly at his picture. He said, ‘God.’ ‘But Johnny, she said gently, ‘no one knows what God looks like.’ He answered, ‘They will when I’m through.’” – Em Griffin , *The Mind* [**Charles Swindoll, Swindoll’s Ultimate Book of Illustrations & Quotes, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 1998, p.231.**]

“Do you remember when the cosmonauts made that primitive little journey around the earth the first time? They came back with their thumbs under their suspenders bragging, ‘We have been in the air. We have been around the earth. And we did not see God!’ The following Sunday W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, made a classic statement. He said, ‘Ah, if those cosmonauts had stepped out of their spacesuit, they would have seen God!’” [**Charles Swindoll, Swindoll’s Ultimate Book of Illustrations & Quotes, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 1998, p.232.**]

Matthew 16:13-20 Who do you say Jesus is? And is He the only way of salvation?

- I. The first proof of Jesus equality with God the Father is His obedience. V.19**
- II. The second proof of Jesus equality with God the Father is His works. V.20**
- III. The third proof of Jesus equality with God the Father is His power to give life. V.21**

I. The first proof of Jesus equality with God the Father is His obedience. V.19
In response to the Jewish hostility at the implications of Jesus reference to His equality with God the Father, Jesus becomes even more emphatic, demonstrating fearlessness, forcefulness, and faithfulness. Jesus tied His activities of healing on the Sabbath directly to the power and authority of the Father.

A. Jesus does not act independently of the Father.

- 1. Jesus does not take His life into His own hands.
- 2. Jesus does not do His own thing.
- 3. Jesus does not act selfishly.
- 4. Jesus does not think or walk separately from the Father.

B. Jesus does exactly what the Father does.

- 1. Jesus acts in perfect harmony with God the Father.
- 2. Jesus acts in the very nature and personhood of God the Father.
- 3. Jesus acts as God the Father acts because He is God.

Matthew 11:27 "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

John 7:29 "But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."

John 10:30 "I and My Father are one."

John 17:25 "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

II. The second proof of Jesus equality with God the Father is His works. V.20

A. The Father loves the Son.

John 10:17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

John 16:27 "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

John 17:23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

B. The Father reveals all things to the Son.

1. Jesus heals the diseased.

2. Jesus commands the forces of nature.

3. Jesus multiplies food.

4. Jesus raises the dead.

5. Jesus establishes new commands and ordinances ie baptism, the Lord's Supper, the commandment to love one another.

6. Jesus creates a new transformed people.

John 10:37-38 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; **38** "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."

John 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

John 17:21-22 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. **22** "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

John 15:24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

III. The third proof of Jesus equality with God the Father is His power to give life. V.21

A. Since only God can give life and Jesus gives life, then Jesus must be God.

B. Since the Son gives life to who He wills then He demonstrates the power of God the Father.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Matthew 9:6 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins "-- then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

John 17:2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,