

Gospel of John 5:15 – 30

New American Standard Version

1 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who
 2 had made him well. For this reason the Jews were persecuting
 3 Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. But
 4 He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I
 5 Myself am working.” For this reason therefore the Jews were
 6 seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was
 7 breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own
 8 Father, making Himself equal with God. Therefore Jesus
 9 answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you,
 10 the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He
 11 sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these
 12 things the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves
 13 the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing;
 14 and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so
 15 that you will marvel. For just as the Father raises the dead and
 16 gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He
 17 wishes. For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has
 18 given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son
 19 even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son
 20 does not honor the Father who sent Him. Truly, truly, I say to
 21 you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me,
 22 has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has
 23 passed out of death into life. Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour
 24 is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the
 25 Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the
 26 Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to
 27 have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute
 28 judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man. Do not marvel at
 29 this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs
 30 will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the
 31 good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the
 32 evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment. I can do nothing on
 33 My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just,
 34 because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who
 35 sent Me.”

*Circle what Jesus says about the Father.
Underline what Jesus says about Himself.*

*List words or phrases he uses for each:
line # Father Son*

What similarities do you see? What distinctions?

What words or phrases would you use to describe each?

Father Son

How should what Jesus says here shape our relationship with Him?

Questions for further thinking:

- *Why does Jesus change from the description “Son of God” (l. 25) to “Son of Man” (l. 28)? How does this relate to His repeated use of just “Son” before (l. 10, 12, 16, 18, 19)?*
- *Why does he repeatedly mention “hearing” by both the living and the dead?*
- *He also mentions that He “hears” (l. 33). What or who does He hear, and what does that have to do with His judgment?*