

## WEEK 15, 2025

### Texts :- John 5:1-47

1. John 5:1 says “After this there was **a feast of the Jews**; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem”

That scripture says “a feast of the Jews”, but did not specify which. It is definitely one of the Jewish feasts mentioned in **Leviticus 23:4-44**. Mention any three of the seven feasts of the Jews listed in Leviticus 23.

#### Answer

- Feast of Passover
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Feast of First Fruits
- Feast of Pentecost (or Feast of Weeks)
- Feast of Trumpets
- Feast of Day of Atonement
- Feast of Tabernacles

2. Say four things about **Bethesda**.

#### Answer

- i. Bethesda was a pool
- ii. Bethesda was in Jerusalem
- iii. Bethesda was near the Sheep Gate of Jerusalem
- iv. The pool of Bethesda had five porches (**A porch is a covering or shed where people stay under for protection from sun and rain**)
- v. The five porches of Bethesda had a great multitude of impotent folk, waiting for the moving of the water
- vi. The pool of Bethesda was a healing pool, because an angel do come down periodically to trouble the water, and anyone who enters first got healed of whatever disease he had.
- vii. At this pool, Jesus healed a man which had an infirmity for 38 years.

3. In **John 5**, state two reasons why the Jews sought to kill Jesus.

#### Answer

- i. He was accused of breaking the Sabbath by healing a man with infirmity for 38 years at the pool of Bethesda
- ii. He called God his Father, there making himself equal with God.

4. In the eyes of the Jews, both Jesus and the man healed in John 5 broke the Sabbath, because no work was permitted on the Sabbath by the law. Describe how they broke the Sabbath.

**Answer**

- i. Jesus broke the Sabbath in that he healed a sick man on that day. That healing was counted as work.
- ii. The man also broke the Sabbath in that he carried his bed as he walked away from the porch. For no load or burden is meant to be carried on the Sabbath.

5. What was Jesus' counsel to the man who was healed in John 5, and what can we learn from it?

**Answer**

He counselled him to sin no more, otherwise a worse thing might come unto him. That means, sin opens the door for bad things to happen to men, and we believers must also abstain from sin to avoid opening the door for Satan and evil things.

6. Briefly explain how Jesus is equal with God in power.

**Answer**

According to John 5, Jesus said what things so ever the Father doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. Meaning that, Jesus could do all things and everything the Father can do.

7. Both believers and unbelievers who are dead will resurrect. But what difference will be in their resurrection?

**Answer**

Jesus said, when he returns, everyone in the grave will hear his voice and resurrect. Those that have done good will resurrect unto life, while those that have done evil will resurrect unto damnation (or eternal death).

8. Who is going to be the judge of all men at the end of time?

**Answer**

According to John 5, Jesus will be the judge of all, for the Father has committed all judgement unto his hands.

9. State two out of the three personalities that witnessed about the Messiahship of Jesus in **John 5**.

**Answer**

- i. John the Baptist witnessed about him, pointing him to be the Messiah the Jews expected.
- ii. God the Father bore witness of him, through the several signs and wonders which he did.
- iii. Moses also bore witness of him, through his writings (Genesis to Deuteronomy).

10. Use Jesus' statement in John 5 to establish that Jesus was mentioned in the Old Testament.

**Answer**

Jesus himself said, "Moses wrote of me". That means, Moses wrote about the Messiah (Christ) which was to come, which is Jesus.