

Those Who Hear Will Live

John 5:1-47

Key Verse 5:24-25

1. Read v.1-8. Where did this event take place? What does “Bethesda” mean? What kind of people were there and what were they waiting for? Who did Jesus see and what was his condition? What did Jesus ask him? What can you learn about Jesus?
2. What was the man’s response? What was Jesus’ response, and what was the result? How can you relate to the man’s circumstance? What do you learn about the invalid man?
3. Read v.9-14. How did the Jews react to this situation? Why do you think they reacted that way? The man did not know who Jesus was – what might this reveal about him? Where did Jesus find him and why was he there? What did Jesus say to him? What is involved in complete healing?
4. Read v.16-18. Why did the Jews persecute him because he healed on the Sabbath? What is the Father’s work? What causes their anger to escalate, and why did it get to the point they wanted to kill Jesus?
5. Read v.19-23. What does that mean, that “the Son can do nothing by himself?” What does that show you about Jesus? Through the example of Jesus’ relationship to the Father, what can you learn about a.) the Father, and b.) our relationship to God. What power and honor does the Father give to his Son? What does that tell you about the Son? How does dishonoring the Son dishonor the Father?
6. Read v.24-30. Who are those who have eternal life and crossed over from death to life? What are the different kinds of life that you find in these verses? When everyone will rise, who will be the judge? What are the two places of eternal destiny for all people? Compare v.30 with v.19 – what makes His judgment just? How does this set an example for us?
7. Read v.31-34. Why does Jesus say his testimony is not valid? What is his purpose in identifying more witnesses who testify to the truth? Who is the next witness Jesus mentions in these verses?
8. Read v.36-40. Identify all of the other witnesses in the verse from 36-40. What are Jesus’ works and what do they testify? Where else can you find in the Bible that the Father testifies concerning Jesus? How do the Scriptures testify about Jesus? How can we hear or know the Scripture’s testimony (38, 40)?
9. Read v.41-47. What does Jesus reveal about the Jews who persecute him and want to kill him (42, see also 37-38)? What was one of the reasons hindering them from believing (44)? What does that reveal about the heart of man? Who else convicts the Jews of guilt, and how? Find in the Bible places where Moses testifies about Jesus. Where can we learn more about Jesus, and how should we respond to it? Who shall we go to to have life?