Bible Study 11 – Jesus defends His deity – John 5:16-30

Some people claim that Jesus was nothing more than a wandering religious reformer who was tragically killed by the Roman empire, and who would have disappeared from history had the church not invented the idea of his being the Son of God. They say that Jesus was a good man, or that he was a prophet. They hold on to the ethical teaching of Christ while stripping Him of the great teaching about sin, redemption, and an everlasting relationship with God. In this passage Jesus defends Himself against the false ideas of the Jewish religious leaders.

The context	The purpose of the book is "that you may believe that Jesus is
	the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may
	have life in His name" (Jn. 20:31). John begins with the
	incarnation & deity of Christ. Then there is John's testimony, the
	calling of the first disciples, the first miracle, Jesus clears the
	temple courts, Jesus teaches Nicodemus, John the Baptist's
	testimony, and Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman. Then Jesus
	healed people in Galilee and in Jerusalem.

PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – John 5:16-30

Opposition	
(v.16-18)	
Equal with God	
the Father	
(v.19-23)	
Source of	
salvation	
(v.24-27)	
Two	
resurrections	
(v.28-30)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

- 1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.
- 2. What I learnt about people like us.



3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. The Jewish leaders opposed Jesus for two reasons (v.16-18). What is one reason people give for rejecting Christianity today?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Jesus defended His deity. He enables us to have eternal life and will raise the dead and be their judge.

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Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God? What must I do to obey?

I will			
I will			
I will			

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a SIN for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a COMMANDMENT or MODEL for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?	

Prayer		

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Date:

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?