



Confrontation and Controversy

John 5:1-18

Series: Gospel of John, #12

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Surveying the miracle.

1. Scene 1: Jesus heals the man. (1-9)
2. Scene 2: The religious leaders' response. (10-13)
3. Scene 3: Jesus instructs the man. (14)
4. Scene 4: The religious leaders' persecution of Jesus intensifies. (15-18)

Surveying the lessons.

1. God extends His grace according to His purposes and plans.
(6-9, 13; see also 5:21; Romans 9:16)
2. Religious tradition can both bind and blind. (10-13, 16, 18)
3. Sin leads to God's judgment.
(14; see also Acts 12:21-23; Matthew 5:21-22, 12:36; Luke 24:46-47; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15)
4. Godly living will result in persecution.
(3-9, 15-18; see also 15:18-21, 16:33; Romans 8:17; Philippians 1:29; 1 Peter 2:20-21, 3:14-17)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Begin each day this week with reading John 5:1-18. Today review the first lesson we drew from this account—that God extends His grace according to His purposes and plans. Points and questions: (1) Remember, because God’s purposes and plans come first does not in any way diminish his concern and love for you and each situation you face; (2) are there times and ways where you are placing your desires ahead of God’s perfect purposes and plans?

Tuesday. Religious tradition can both bind and blind. As you review that in the religious leaders in John chapter 5, expand this to review your traditions. All of us have traditions. Traditions are not necessarily good or bad. What are some of yours? Are there traditions which bind you and then also blind you?

Wednesday. This account also reinforces the truth that sin leads to God’s judgment. Remember that Jesus was warning this man about the consequences of sin. Is there any sin you are not taking seriously and truly repenting from (remember, *to repent* means to turn from)? If so, deal with it now.

Thursday. The final lesson from this account is that godly living will result in persecution. The type and extent is not the point. Check out the Bible reference listed in the outline on this. Identify any “little” ways in which you avoid making a stand for Christ which mean that in those things you are retreating from clear godly living and possible persecution for Christ. What changes are in order?

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at *Jesus, the Solid Rock* from John 5:19-47. Read that passage in preparation for our time together.