

SERIES: Gospel of John
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 - Jesus is truly and fully **man**.

Jesus Does What Only God Can Do (5:19-22)

- Jesus cannot act independently from the Father. Jesus does not do anything on his own. (19)
- Jesus does not **compete** with the Father. (20)
- Jesus always **submits** to the Father.
- Jesus does what he sees the Father doing because the Father loves him and shows him his works.
 - Jesus has the authority to grant eternal **life**. (John 17:2)
 - Jesus has the authority to give eternal **judgment**.

Jesus Receives Honor Only God Deserves (5:23-24)

- Only the true God is worthy of worship.
- The only way to worship God is through His **Son**.
 - To honor Jesus is to honor the **Father**.
 - To dishonor Jesus is to dishonor the **Father**.
- We honor God by hearing and heeding his word.
 - If we believe the gospel we will eternally **live**.
 - We will not come into judgment.
 - We will pass from death to life.
 - If we reject the gospel, we will eternally **die**.

Jesus Has Power Only God Can Claim (5:25-30)

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 - Christ's sheep will hear his voice and live. (John 10:27)
- The **coming** reality: Jesus will physically raise all the dead in final judgment. (27-30)
 - The Father has given the Son authority to judge humanity as the Son of Man.
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 - "Son of Man" is a reference to one who is truly **human**. (Rev. 1:12-13)
 - The Son of Man came to **reveal** the way to God. (John 1:51)
 - The Son of Man came to **redeem** mankind. (John 3:14-15)
 - The Father has appointed a Day in which Jesus will judge the living and the dead. (Acts 17:31)
 - The righteous will be raised to eternal life.
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