

# **KNOW, HONOR & RECEIVE JESUS**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 5:19-29

- 1 Read John 5:19-29. In light of these verses, why is it essential to affirm Jesus' deity?

Q Discuss the following question: "Can anyone be saved who denies His Eternal Deity?" Why or why not?

- 2 What are Jesus' five claims to equality with God the Father in John 5 (v 17-18, v 19-20, v 21, v 22, v 23)?

P Despite Jesus' declared equality, what is the obvious role He has taken in relationship to His Father? (v. 19)

Q Describe what the relationship looked like and consider Philippians 2 in your answer.

- 3 How do you demonstrate your dependence upon God? What does dependence upon God look like? What does an independent spirit look like?

- 4 In the light of the opposition to His claims, Jesus became even more boldly emphatic and passionate. What words stand out to you in (v. 19, 25) that show the motives of Jesus in the midst of unbelief?

P What was Jesus' ultimate message?

P What was John the writer's message (Jn. 20:35)?

 What was Paul's message (1 Cor. 2:2)?

 How does the message of Jesus speak in a pluralistic culture? What have you experienced in sharing Christ's exclusive message?

**5** Some say that we should not talk with people about God's judgment, but only about His love. Why is this a mistaken idea?

 Consider Daniel 7:13-14 as you look at John 5:27. Discuss Jesus' role as the Judge as described in John 5.

**6** What does it mean to honor the Father? (v. 23-24) While many religious people speak about pleasing God, or a god, what is clear about pleasing God, according to Jesus in John 5?

**7** Define eternal life and eternal death according to v24. What is difficult for you to wrap your mind around about eternity?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Why do you believe in eternity? What is comforting about eternal life?

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 What does understanding judgement and eternal death do for your faith? What does it do for your relationships with others?

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**8** How would you explain to a someone that John 5:29 is not teaching salvation by our good works? What Scriptures would you use?

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 Consider Rom. 14:10 Should Christians be concerned about standing before Christ for judgment someday?

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