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John 5

The Son Who Gives Life

NAME _____ DATE _____

KEY VERSE · JOHN 5:24 · NASB

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

A man waits thirty-eight years by a pool, Jesus heals him on the Sabbath, and the religious leaders decide to kill Him. Jesus answers with His boldest claims yet, and calls witness after witness.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 5 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 5. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
Sabbath		
testify / testifies / testified / testimony		
life		
Father		
Son		
judgment / judge		

JOHN 5:1–9 The Healing

1 OBSERVE

Describe the man and his situation: how long he had been ill, where he lay, and what he says when Jesus asks him a question (5:5–7).

2 INTERPRET

Why would Jesus ask, "Do you wish to get well?" (5:6) Guzik: "This was a sincere question." What can a man lose by getting well?

3 OBSERVE

What three commands does Jesus give, and what happens (5:8–9)?

4 APPLY

Henry: "It is not for want of a good will, but of a good friend, that I am unhealed." Who is the man in your life with "no man" to help him, and what would it take to be that man?

JOHN 5:10–18 The Charge

5 OBSERVE

What do the Jews care about in 5:10? What does Jesus tell the man when He finds him in the temple (5:14)?

6 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Guzik: "It was not a breaking of God's law of the Sabbath, but the human interpretation of God's law." What law had the man broken? Where do we care more about the mat than the man?

7 INTERPRET

Why did the leaders now want to kill Jesus (5:17–18)? Did Jesus deny what they understood?

JOHN 5:19–30 The Defense

8 OBSERVE

List what the Father gives or shows the Son in 5:20–27.

9 OBSERVE

Read 5:24 slowly. What two things must a man do, and what three things are true of him?

10 INTERPRET

How can the Son be equal with God (5:18) and still say “the Son can do nothing of Himself” (5:19)?

11 INTERPRET

Verse 29 speaks of “those who did the good deeds” rising to life. Does that mean salvation by works? Compare 5:24 and 6:29.

12 APPLY

Verse 24 uses present and past tense: has life, has passed. How would you live this week if you believed it was already settled?

JOHN 5:31–47 The Witnesses

13 OBSERVE

List the witnesses Jesus calls in 5:33–47.

14 OBSERVE

What did the leaders do with the Scriptures, and what did they refuse to do (5:39–40)?

15 INTERPRET

Why didn't they believe? Look at 5:42 and 5:44.

16 APPLY

Spurgeon warns that for them "the Scriptures themselves became a sepulcher." How can a man read his Bible every day and still not come to Jesus?

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

17 WORD *zōopoieō* · G2227 · to make alive

Only God raises the dead (Deut 32:39). What is Jesus claiming when He says, "the Son also gives life to whom He wishes" (5:21)?

18 WORD *metabainō* · G3327 · to change place, to pass over

In 5:24 the believer "has passed out of death into life." Read 1 John 3:14. What does a perfect-tense move tell you about your standing?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 5 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.