

“The Bold Claims of Jesus Part 1”

John 5:17-29

The bold claims of Jesus demand that we either receive or reject him...

I. Claim #1- He claimed equality with God in _____.

- A. In _____ to the Father. Matthew 26:63-66
 - 1. They understood the claim to have the same nature as God, and that He was claiming to be an exact representation, and have the same essence.
 - 2. Though many misunderstand the usage of the word “Son” it was clear Jesus was claiming, and He uses this as a springboard to fully declare himself.
- B. In _____ to continual work without need of rest.
 - 1. The Father and Son are working together in complete unity.
 - Jesus can never cease to work as the sustainer of the universe. Col. 3:16-17
 - 2. Jesus never operated independently outside the Father’s Will so they were also accusing the Father of breaking the Sabbath.
- C. He _____ over all as judge. Genesis 18:25
 - 1. The Son did not come to judge, but to save. At the point of rejection as Savior He then becomes the judge. John 3:18
 - 2. The Father is called the judge and yet Christ does the judging. Difficult to grasp, but within the trinity we can neither divide the essence nor confound the persons.
- D. He deserved _____ and honor as God.
 - 1. The day is coming when every knee will bow and confess! Phil. 2:10-11
 - Jesus received worship, and clearly deserved it. Matt. 2:11, 14:36, 28:9, 17, Luke 24:52
 - 2. “So that the only possible right response to the one who created everything and who will bring everything to its consummation, and who, by the way, in the middle upholds everything by the word of His power, the only possible response is that He is to be honored in the same way that God is to be honored.” – MacArthur

II. Claim #2- He claimed to have the _____ of God to raise the dead.

- A. He gives _____ life to the spiritually dead. Hebrews 1:1-3
 - 1. In the same way the crippled man was healed, Jesus claimed the power to spiritually heal those who believed His Message!
 - 2. He is the New Testament revelation of truth, and through faith we can have life in Him!
- B. He will lay down His life and _____ it up again.
 - 1. He has life in himself meaning He was never created nor dependent upon anything for life. That can only be true of God. His Self-Existence makes His claim undeniable.
 - 2. He would be the first-fruits of resurrection.
- C. He will _____ to raise and transform the bodies of the church. I Cor. 15:55-58, I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- D. He will also raise the lost who will _____ condemnation for their sin.
 - 1. They too will experience resurrection, but for judgment and eternal Hell.