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SERMON RESOURCES

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The Son's Authority

Central Text:

¹⁸This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. ¹⁹So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²²The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:18-24 (ESV)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

Who do you believe Jesus is?

Why do you think it is so difficult for many people to accept Jesus' claims about Himself in this day and time?

What is the difference in believing Jesus is God's Son and just believing He was a great prophet or teacher?

How would you begin to describe the basis for your faith to someone who doesn't believe Jesus' claims?

Additional Resources and Art Forms:

[Video: Man-on-the-Street Interview: Who is Jesus? \(Baltimore\)](#)

Questions about your spiritual journey? Need to talk with someone?

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