

## INTRODUCING JESUS

### *Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John*

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#### Chapter 5: Controversy Begins

##### A Hopeless Case (1-18)

1. 1-7 Why do you think Jesus asked this sick man if he wanted to get well? (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
What does the man's answer indicate about his attitude? (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
Who does the man blame for his condition? (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
Why wouldn't the same people who took him to the pool help him into the water? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How would you characterize this man's situation? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
2. 8-9 Out of all the multitudes at the pool, why do you think Jesus chose to heal this particular individual? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you think Jesus asked him to take up his pallet rather than just get up and walk? (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
In what two ways does Jesus help this man? (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
With this miracle, Jesus demonstrates He has power over what? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the significance of the day being the Sabbath? (9) \_\_\_\_\_
3. 10-13 What is the significance of the man's answer to the Jews? (11) \_\_\_\_\_  
How can the man not know who Jesus is? (13) \_\_\_\_\_
4. 14-18 What does Jesus' finding the man say about Jesus? (14) \_\_\_\_\_  
Why does Jesus tell the man to "sin no more?" (14) \_\_\_\_\_  
What "worse thing" might befall him? (14) \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you think it is ungrateful for the man to inform the Jews about Jesus, thereby provoking persecution? (15-16) \_\_\_\_\_  
What does Jesus mean in v 17? \_\_\_\_\_  
How does Jesus' calling God His own Father make Him equal with God? (18) \_\_\_\_\_  
For what two offences are the Jews seeking to kill Him? \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Think:** Do you think that Jesus is guilty of the above two offences? \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Personal:** What areas of your life do you consider to be "hopeless?" \_\_\_\_\_

##### The Stupendous Claims of the Son (19-29)

1. 19-20 What is Jesus claiming about His relationship with God in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_  
How courageous is it for Jesus to claim such a relationship? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
2. 21-23 What three claims does Jesus make in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What kind of person will Jesus be if these claims are verified? \_\_\_\_\_

3. 24 What three promises does Jesus make in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why does He begin the verse with an emphasis on its truthfulness? \_\_\_\_\_
4. 25-29 Who would Jesus have to be to fulfil these promises? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why do you think that Jesus emphasizes these exalted claims at this time? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is a "resurrection of life?" \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Think:** How does our reaction to the claims of Jesus constitute a kind of judgement in this life? \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Personal:** Would you like to be part of the "resurrection of life?" \_\_\_\_\_

### The Five Witnesses to Christ (30-47)

1. 30-31 Why can only God give a valid judgement on mankind? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why is self-testimony not legally admissible? (31) \_\_\_\_\_
2. 32-35 Who is the witness in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is John's verdict regarding Jesus? (33) \_\_\_\_\_  
 How convincing will the testimony be to those who believed in John? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why is v 35 an appropriate illustration of John? \_\_\_\_\_
3. 36 What is the witness in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How do the miracles (including the one earlier in the chapter) testify to Jesus' divinity? (See 3:2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why is it necessary for Jesus to be able to perform different types of miracles? \_\_\_\_\_
4. 37-38 Who is the witness referred to in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_  
 To what witness of God is Jesus referring here? (see 1:32-34 & 12:28-30) \_\_\_\_\_
5. 39-44 What does Jesus say testifies about Him in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why are the Jews unwilling to "come to" Jesus? (40) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why are they inclined to receive imposters? (43) \_\_\_\_\_  
 What attitude of heart does this tendency indicate? (44) \_\_\_\_\_
6. 45-47 What witness is referred to in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How would Moses accuse the unbelieving Jews? (45) \_\_\_\_\_  
 To whom does all the Old Testament point? \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Think:** Why do the same signs and witnesses cause some to believe and others to disbelieve? \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Personal:** How convincing do you find these witnesses to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_