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Passage: John 5:15-47
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John 5:15-47 (CSB)

¹⁵The man went and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶Therefore, the Jews began persecuting Jesus because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

¹⁷Jesus responded to them, "My Father is still working, and I am working also." ¹⁸This is why the Jews began trying all the more to kill him: Not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal to God.

¹⁹Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, the Son is not able to do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son likewise does these things.²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing, and he will show him greater works than these so that you will be amazed. ²¹And just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son also gives life to whom he wants. ²²The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all people may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

²⁴"Truly I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

²⁵"Truly I tell you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted to the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has granted him the right to pass judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation.

³⁰"I can do nothing on my own. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

³¹"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³²There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony he gives about me is true. ³³You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. ³⁴I don't receive human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be

saved. ³⁵ John was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

³⁶ "But I have a greater testimony than John's because of the works that the Father has given me to accomplish. These very works I am doing testify about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ The Father who sent me has himself testified about me. You have not heard his voice at any time, and you haven't seen his form. ³⁸ You don't have his word residing in you, because you don't believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.

⁴¹ "I do not accept glory from people, ⁴² but I know you—that you have no love for God within you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and yet you don't accept me. If someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe, since you accept glory from one another but don't seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But if you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe my words?"

Genesis 2:1-3 (CSB)

¹ So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. ² On the seventh day God had completed his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it he rested from all his work of creation.

People often want to define who God is and what He does based on their own set of values and ideas. However, God will not be defined by us; rather He is the one who defines our reality.

Jesus reveals to us the nature and character of God the Father because everything He does and says is a reflection of what God the Father does and says.

If you want to know what God the Father is like, look at His Son, Jesus.

"Everything that God is and does harmonizes with everything else that God is and does."

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1. The Son (Jesus) raises the dead.
2. The Son (Jesus) judges all people.
3. All people should honor the Son (Jesus) just as they honor the God the Father.

²⁴ "Truly I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

Faith in Jesus saves us from our "default" place of being under judgment and being spiritually dead, and transfers us to a new place before God where we are given eternal life.