



That you may believe... **Study Lesson Week 5**

This week's title: The Divine Son: Belief and Unbelief - John 5: 16-47

Highlighted verse: *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and will not be condemned, he has crossed over from death to life."* - **John 5: 24**

Day 1: Read John 5:16-47

1. Read John 5:16-47 at least once, jotting down initial observations.

Day 2: Read John 5: 16-30

Through this study of John we hope that all participants will grow in their faith and move from not only reading the Scriptures and doing the study lesson, but to *applying* something you learn each day/week to your life. James (1:22) said *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."* Paul warns us when he said (1 Cor. 10:11) *"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come."* Even the prophet Isaiah (42:23) challenged the people of his day to do what the Lord says by saying *"Which of you will listen to this or pay close attention in time to come?"* It is clear that James, Paul, and Isaiah were saying that we are to be *doers* of the Word and not just *hearers* of it. That means we are to look for Biblical applications for our own lives. Application begins with **reading** a passage to get a general idea of the story; then, we try to **understand** by knowing what all the words mean, learning the facts, and trying to identify the concepts; then, comes **comprehension** which means finding Biblical principles, what are the timeless truths that God wants to communicate even to our day; follow that with, **applying to self** by putting *me* in the story, identify how Biblical principles apply to *my* life, make timeless truths timely, and see what God wants *me* to do; finally, **action**, by designing an action plan, obeying God, and putting into practice *now* what He has taught you in His Word. We will be including more Bible study hints in future study lessons.

1. What insights do you gain in verses 19-23 concerning the close relationship between the Father and the Son?

2. According to Jesus in verses 24-30, what are the consequences of our response to Him?

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Day 3: Read John 5: 31-47

1. Read John 5:31-39. Jesus presented witnesses who attested to His deity. Who or what were they?
2. Jesus states Moses wrote about Him (5:46). What did Moses say about Jesus? Consider Genesis 3:15, Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19.

Day 4: Read John 20:31

1. Consider how John 5:16-47 relates to John's purpose in writing this Gospel. "...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). What do we learn about what we are to believe from John 5:16-47?
2. What do we learn about Jesus as the Son of God in John 5:16-47?

Day 5: Read John 5:16-47

1. How do you avoid spending your life in religious duties but missing the main thing?
2. In this passage opposition to Jesus is rising. Have you experienced opposition to Jesus? How could you respond to this opposition? Each of us also needs to be aware of our own opposition to Jesus (we are all still sinners). How do you continue to be in opposition to Jesus? How could you repent of this opposition?