

The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness
The Resurrection of the Dead, John 5:25-30

Who Is Jesus Christ and What Is His Mission?

We are getting more information about Jesus, from Jesus, as the Gospel of John unfolds. We do not yet have the full understanding of His public ministry, but more and more we are seeing His identity and His mission.

“Our forefathers used the term Systematic Theology to express their view that Christianity is not a series of isolated religious statements, but that it has a beginning and flows on to an end. Each part relates to each other and to the whole.” The God Who Is There, Francis Schaffer.

Crisis Event: Healing on the Sabbath
The healing of the paralyzed man provides the backdrop in which Jesus can answer two fundamental questions about His identity and purpose, John 5:1-16

Claim 1: Divine Identity
Jesus Christ is the Son of God, equal with the Father in authority, purpose, revelation, honor, judgment and resurrection, John 5:17-24

Claim 2: Divine Purpose
Jesus Christ came into the world as the revelation of God’s character and to implement God’s plan to bring judgment and to grant eternal life, in perfect unity with God the Father, John 5:25-30

Evidence to Support His Claims: Credible Witnesses
These two claims, divine identity and divine purpose, are supported by a variety of credible witnesses, John 5:31-47

Lucy: "Aslan, you're bigger!" Aslan: "That is because you are older, little one." Lucy: "Not because you are?" Aslan: "I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger." C.S. Lewis, Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia

John 5:25 Truly, truly, I say to you, a time is coming and even now has arrived, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 5:26-27 For just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person.

Ezekiel 37:5-6 This is what the Lord God says to these bones: ‘Behold, I am going to make breath enter you so that you may come to life. And I will attach tendons to you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you so that you may come to life; and you will know that I am the Lord.’”

John 1:4-5 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.

Hebrews 2:14-15 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

John 5:28-29 Do not be amazed at this; for a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come out: those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the bad deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

John 5:30 I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.