

IDENTITY & AUTHORITY

As preached on Sunday, November 2nd

Read: John 5:16-30

1. We're told in v.16 that the Jewish leaders began to persecute Jesus at this point. Why? What does Jesus say in v.17 that makes them even more upset?
2. Why does Jesus say what he says in v.17? Even if it's true, why upset the Jewish leaders by saying it?
3. How would you summarize what Jesus says in vv.19-21? Why is it significant that the Son can do nothing by himself?
4. How would you summarize what Jesus says in vv.22-23? What kind of judgment is Jesus talking about?
5. How would you summarize what Jesus says in vv.24-27? What does he mean by "crossed over from death to life"?
6. In vv.28-30 Jesus says that he seeks not to please himself, but only the one who sent him. What is it that will please the one who sent him?
7. Jesus clearly states his authority to the Jewish leaders in these verses. How must this have sounded to them?
8. How do people in the world today respond when they read or learn of Jesus' authority? How can we, as those who believe in Jesus, help people understand and accept his authority?