

Firestarter: John

Scripture: John 5:1-29

Before you read

1. Gather a pen, paper, and highlighters (for marking in your Bible).
2. Pray, asking God for wisdom and understanding of the word you are about to read.
3. Read the section more than one time.
 - First, read to understand.
 - Second, read to notice.
 - Third, read for questions. Record your questions as you read and see if you can answer them. Then Choose 3 questions from the observation section and find their answers.
 - Fourth, mark all the words that refer to “**disease**.” Mark phrases that show **Jesus’s authority**.

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OBSERVATION:

How is the account of Jesus healing the man at the pool encouraging? (See 5:5 note.)

What can we learn about healing and faith from this situation? (See 5:9 note.)

How should followers of Jesus see sin in their own lives? (See 5:14 note.)

Why did the religious leaders oppose, persecute and even seek to kill Jesus? (See 5:16 note.)

What claims does Jesus make in verses 18-27 that show He relates to and is equal with God the Father? (See 5:18-24 note.)

What does it mean to “hear” and “believe” God’s Word? (See 5:24 note.)

What does it mean that those with eternal life will not be condemned? (See 5:24 note.)

What is the basis of God’s judgment of all people? (See 5:29 note.)

APPLICATION:

Many people today talk about relating to God, but people cannot connect to God without receiving His Son, Jesus, who is himself, God. The Father has entrusted His Son with all life,

authority, and judgment. If a person does not respond to Jesus as the Forgiver of their sins and Leader of their life, it doesn't matter what else they think or believe about God. According to His Word, no one can come to God and experience eternal life apart from Jesus.

What does it mean that Jesus has "life in himself," and how does this relate to people experiencing real and eternal life? (See 5:26 note.)

In what ways do people condemn themselves in how they relate to or respond to God? (See 5:29 note.)

ACTION Step: Visit or reach out to someone who is sick simply to see how they're doing and to have a casual conversation. Encourage them and let them know that you're praying for them. Ask them how you can pray for them.

PRAY:

As you pray today, pray for the healing of someone who is sick.

Ask God to expose any persistent sin in your life and help you promptly remove it.

Pray that you stay dependent on God for wisdom, guidance, and strength in every aspect of life.

Praise Jesus for His righteous life and judgment because He is God.