Sermon Notes

The Son of God

John 5:19-47

Intro: *One God or Many? Problems either way?*

e.g. Greek "Gods" — "Chaotic Polytheism"

e.g. Solitary "Allah" — "Unitarian Monotheism"

Accusation: how dare Jesus claim equality with God? 2 gods!? (17-18)

Answer: (19-30)

1. Jesus = the Divine SON → Co-equal with the Father;
→ One (not competing) with the Father

What can only God do?

Ability to give life (21, 26)

Authority to judge (22, 27)

➔ So our reaction to Jesus' words in this life decides our eternity (23-25)

Q. But how can we be sure?

2. The Father has provided multiple reliable witnesses: (31-47)

- The Lamp (i.e. John the Baptist)
- The Works (e.g. healing sign)
- The Word (i.e. Old Testament scriptures, e.g. Moses)

➔ Come to Jesus and you can be sure of eternal life <u>today</u> (40)

➔ Or care more about what people think than God & miss out (44)