

Sermon Notes

The Voice with Authority to Give Life

John 5:1-29

The Sign: (1-9)

1. The voice of Jesus raises a hopeless man to restored life

The Scepticism: (10-18)

Accusation: So Jesus is a Sabbath-breaker? (10-16)

Answer: I am working like my Father, The Sabbath Maker! (17)

Assassination-aim: Equally Divine?! How dare you!! (18)

The Significance: (19-30)

2. Jesus = the Divine Son, co-equal yet not competing with Father! (19-23, 26-30)

- ...in **activity**: does what he sees (19); does what he hears (30)
- ...in **ability**: he can give life (21); he has life in himself (26)
- ...in **authority**: he will judge (22) he is the final judge (29)
- ...in **acclaim**: → not honouring Jesus = not honouring God (23)

3. So right now Jesus' voice can raise anyone to life for all eternity (24-25)

→ Trust in Jesus' word and you can be sure of eternal life today