

## The One equal with God

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### Introduction

John chapter 5 tells the story of the healing of a life-long invalid. The healing took place on the Sabbath Day and consequently provoked further conflict between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. As is typical of John's Gospel however, the healing also provided an opportunity for Jesus to teach both the crowds and His disciples about who He truly is. In particular we learn that Jesus is the Divine Son to whom the Father has entrusted all authority, especially authority over life, death and judgement. As far as the charge of Sabbath breaking is concerned, Jesus makes it plain that He is the One about whom Moses wrote. If they truly were concerned for the Law given through Moses they would thus not oppose Jesus but come to Him in repentance and faith.

### Study Questions

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These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying. This is a vital first step towards understanding what the section means. The questions should be answered from the text itself.

*Read John 5vs1-47. Answer the following questions:*

1. How did Jesus respond to the man and his hopeless condition?  
(John 5vs1-8)
  
2. What does this teach us about Jesus' authority?
  
  
3. Jesus' words to the invalid in John 5vs14 are a warning for him to realize that there is more to life than physical circumstances. What must the man's priorities now be? Why?

