

Bible Study

Gods Word in Focus



Week Ten

Gospel of John

John 5:17-47

**"My Father has been working until now, and I
have been working"
John 5:17-30**

God's actions reveal his mercy and his justice. Do you recognize his action in your life, his saving grace and love, and the purifying fire of his Spirit who convicts us of sin and transforms us in his holiness?

The religious authorities refused to accept Jesus' authority to heal and to speak in the name of his heavenly Father. They charged Jesus as a "Sabbath-breaker" and as a "blasphemer".

They wanted to kill Jesus because he claimed the same authority and power as God. He claimed equality with God— something no mortal could say without blaspheming.

The Father's witness

John 5:31-47

Do you know the joy of the gospel and a life fully submitted to Jesus Christ? Jesus' opponents refused to accept his divine authority and claim to be the only Son from the Father.

They hostilely demanded evidence for his Messianic claim and equality with God. Jesus answers their charges with the supporting evidence of witnesses.

The Mosaic law had laid down the principle that the unsupported evidence of one person shall not prevail against a man for any crime or wrong in connection with any offence he committed. (see Deuteronomy 17:6)