

7. On what basis will Jesus judge us all (Matthew 16:27; John 5:29; Romans 2:6-10; Rev. 20:12)?

# Sermon Notes

“The Father’s Apprentice”

John 5:1-47

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Does this contradict the idea that we are saved from condemnation simply by putting our faith in Jesus? Why or why not?

8. Testimony is important to John the author. He has already recorded the witness of several people to Jesus, and now he gives us Jesus’ words on the subject. Read John 5:31-47. What additional five witnesses does Jesus name? When you think of “expert witnesses,” what is the significance of the witnesses listed?

9. These Jewish leaders claimed to believe the Scriptures, but when they were fulfilled before their eyes in the form of the promised Messiah, they weren’t willing to believe (5:41-47). Are you like them at all? For instance, how would you complete the following sentences:

- (a) I believe in Jesus, but I don’t think He ...
- (b) I believe in the Bible, but ...
- (c) I think God loves me, but ...

Are you at all like the Pharisees? If so, what can you do about this?

## Introduction:

### 1. The Sabbath Day Healing (5:1-15)

### 2. Jesus’ Defense (5:16-30)

### 3. The Witness List (5:31-47)

Let’s Pray:

## Conclusion:

Can you think of any areas of your own life where you are like this invalid? Ask yourself Jesus' question in 5:6. Then ask yourself (and God) what you should do about your answer.

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 6-19-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 67-74; QuickStudies, pp. 120-123; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 163-64.

## Getting Started:

1. When was the last time you wanted something really badly, but couldn't get it because you weren't fast enough, strong enough, rich enough, etc.?

## Digging Deeper:

2. Read John 5:1-16. Why do you think Jesus asks the invalid if he wanted to get well (5:6)? Put yourself in the invalid's position. What reasons might he have had for remaining by the pool for all those years? How would you have felt if you were asked whether you wanted to get well?
3. The invalid doesn't answer Jesus' question. What does his reply in 5:7 tell you about him and his focus?

4. Does this man's healing depend on his faith (5:6-8, 13)? How can you tell, and why is this important?

5. The Jewish leaders utterly ignore the fact that a man has been miraculously healed (5:10-12, 16). Why? What does this say about them? Are you like them in any way?

6. Read John 5:17-30. In what areas does Jesus claim to be equal with God the Father?

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