


Day 1

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Jesus Heals the Official's Son

⁴³ After the two days he left for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.)

Matthew 13:53-58

⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. ⁵⁴ Coming to his hometown [Nazareth], he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. ⁵⁵ "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor."

⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Luke 4:24

"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

Mark 6:4

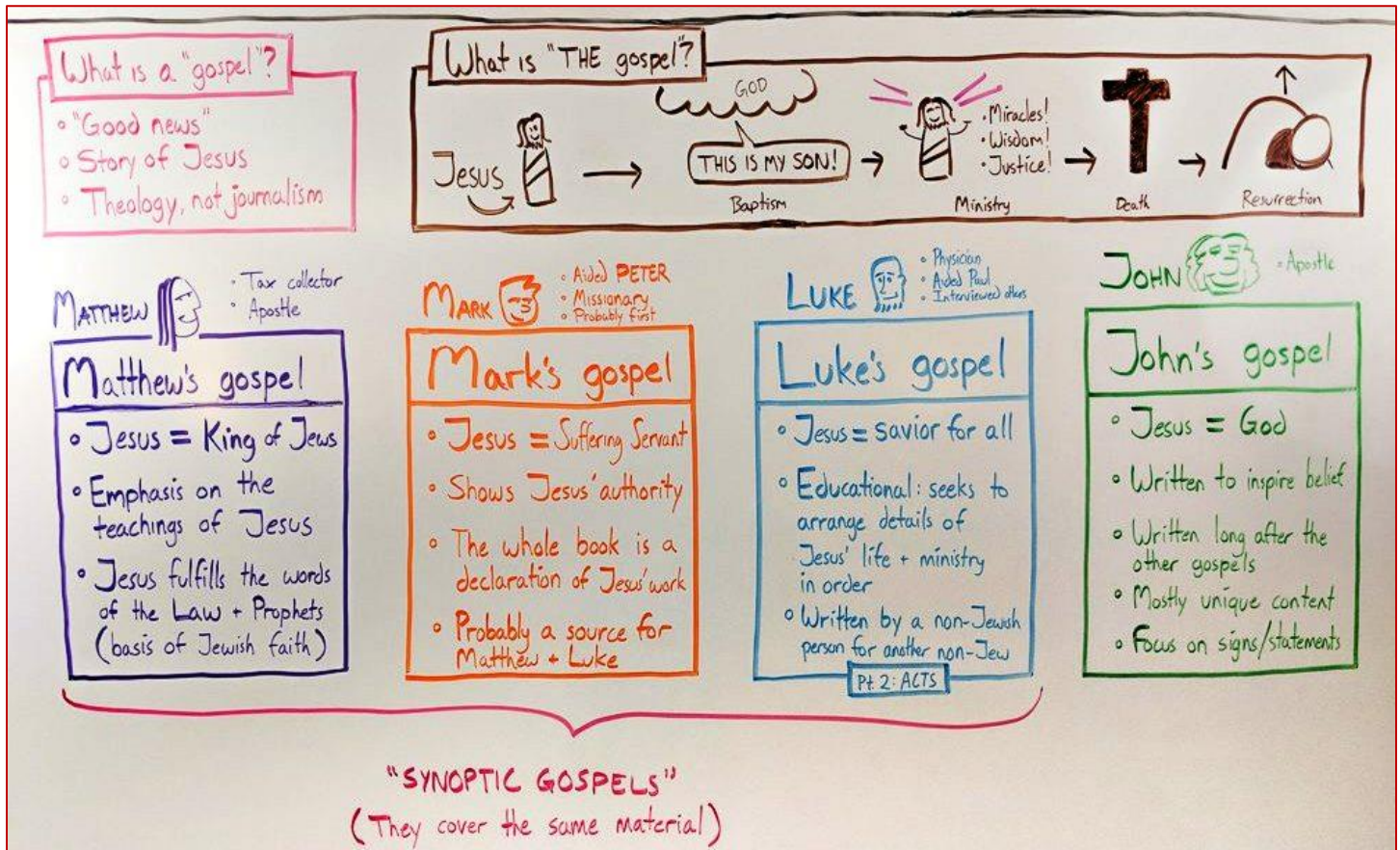
Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor."

Q1. Review. Briefly: where had Jesus been? What had He done?

Where?	What?
Verses 3:1-21	
Verse 3:22	
Verses 4:1-42	

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- ✍ The first four books of the New Testament are the Gospels. And of the four, the first three (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) are considered the *synoptic* Gospels in that they provide, generally, a parallel summary of the events in the shortened life (in this world) of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. The Gospel of John discusses the same major events, but differs in that it includes some of John's eye-witnessed events and perspectives, and excludes other events reported by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.



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⁴⁵ When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there.

Q2. Why do you think the "Galileans welcomed him"? What motivated them this time, unlike His previous visit? See Matthew 13:53-58 (↑).

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⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

Q3. What motivated the royal official? Faith? Desperation?

Q4. Why did our Lord require the royal official to “beg”?

⁴⁸ "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

Q5. Was Jesus speaking to the royal official or to the crowd in general?

Q6. What did Jesus want from His followers? Why?

⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

^{50 a} Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live."

^{50 b} The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

Q7. What is a dictionary definition of faith?

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Q8. Did the royal official demonstrate faith? How can we tell? (See verse 50^b)

⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour."

⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed.


⁵⁴ This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

Q9. Scripture states that the royal official "took Jesus at His word" (verse 50 ↑). If the royal official was the only person to exhibit faith, how should we explain "So he and all his household believed" (verse 53 ↑)?

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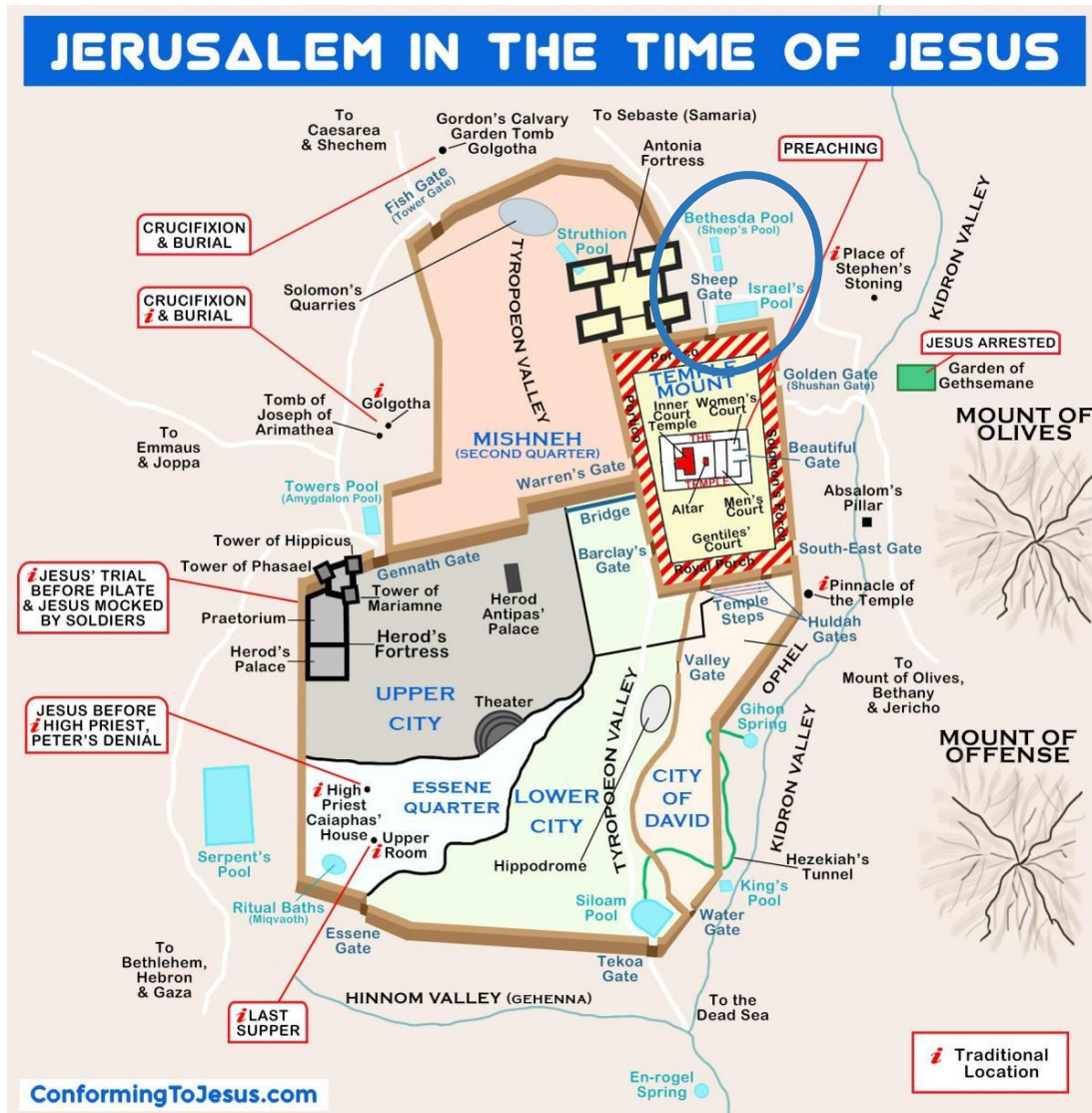
John 5:1-30

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The Healing at the Pool

¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.



<https://maps-jerusalem.com/maps-jerusalem-old/map-of-jerusalem-in-jesus-time>

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Artist's depiction: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/image/pool-of-bethesda-e76396c?lang=eng>



The ruins, today: “The bridge-like structure on the right side of the photo is the dam that separated the south (left) side of the Pools of Bethesda from the north pool (to the right of the photo). The depth of the pool can be seen in this photo. When the Roman Empire became Christian (i.e., the Byzantine Empire of 326-638), it built a church over these two pools. One of the many arches that supported the large Byzantine structure can be seen in the middle of this photo.” <https://www.generationword.com/jerusalem101/51-bethesda-pool.html>

Note: there are many interesting photos of the Pool at Bethesda included at this webpage.

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³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie — the blind, the lame, the paralyzed — and they waited for the moving of the waters. ⁴ From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease he had. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

Q10. Why did Jesus ask the man if he “want[ed] to get well”?

⁷ "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

Q11. Why did the Jews have this “law”?

Exodus 20:8-10 [one of the Ten Commandments]

⁸ Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

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Exodus 31:12-16

¹² Then the Lord said to Moses, ¹³ "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord , who makes you holy. ¹⁴ " 'Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it must be put to death; whoever does any work on that day must be cut off from his people. ¹⁵ For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day must be put to death. ¹⁶ The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant.

¹¹ But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "

¹² So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

Q12. Why were the Jews interested in finding out “who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk”?

Q13. Why weren't the Jews rejoicing with the man over the man's healing?

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

Q14. Why do you think Jesus “slipped away into the crowd”?

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

Q15. Why did Jesus warn the man with “something worse may happen to you”?

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Q16. Why do you think Jesus wanted to find (“Jesus found him”) the man?


¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Q17. Why do you think the healed man then sought the Jews and told them who had “made him well”?

Q18. Do you think the healed man had greater allegiance to the Jewish religious leaders or the man who had healed him? Why?

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Life Through the Son

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

Q19. Why did the Jewish religious leaders ("the Jews") want to persecute Jesus?

Exodus 20:8-11


⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

Q20. Was this commandment (and the other nine) written for God and mankind? Or mankind, only?

God and mankind? Why?
Mankind, only?

¹⁸ For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Q21. Why did the religious leaders "tried all the harder to kill" Jesus, when Jesus stated that the Lord God was His Father?

 Making himself equal with God - This shows that, in the view of the Jews, the name Son of God, or that calling God his Father, implied equality with God. The Jews were the best interpreters of their own language, and as Jesus did not deny the correctness of their interpretations, it follows that he meant to be so understood. See John 10:29-38. The interpretation of the Jews was a very natural and just one. He not only said that God was his Father, but he said that he had the same right to work on the Sabbath that God had; that by the same authority, and in the same manner, he could dispense with the obligation of the day. They had now two [pretenses] for seeking to kill him - one for making himself

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equal with God, which they considered blasphemy, and the other for violating the Sabbath. For each of these, the law [required] death: Numbers 15:35; Leviticus 24:11-14. [©1834, *Notes on the Bible* by Albert Barnes. <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/john/5-18.htm>]

John 14:11

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

Q22. Later in this study, we will study John, Chapter 14. That said, why didn't the religious leaders see "God" in the midst of Jesus' miracles?

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¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Q23. Why did Jesus say, "I tell you the truth"? Jesus is speaking, isn't that enough?

Q24. Who is "the Son"?

Q25. Why would Jesus refer to Himself in the third person this way?

Q26. As you read this passage what one word describes Jesus' relationship to His Father?

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²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.


Q27. What might be one of those “greater things” that will amaze people?

²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

Q28. Who did Jesus raise from the dead?

John 11:4-6

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and [their brother] Lazarus. ⁶ Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

 Jesus waited two additional days to ensure Lazarus was good and dead. His travel-delay removed any possibility of the Jewish religious leaders claiming that Lazarus was alive, waiting in the tomb, and that Jesus' miracle was merely a sleight of hand, a magician's trick. No trick. Lazarus was dead; his body was decomposing (John 11:39b). Later in this study – chapter 11, we'll study Jesus' resurrection of Lazarus. That said, part of the story (John 11:38-44) is below following verse 5:28 (↓).

John 14:1-7

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

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²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

Q29. What are some ways in which we “honor the Son”?

Honor:

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.


Judgment:

Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

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²⁴ "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Q30. Why did Jesus repeat, "I tell you the truth"?

Q31. What does "crossed over from death to life" mean to you?

Q32. "I'm a good person, why would I be condemned?"

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Q33. What must we do, if anything, to be recognized by Jesus upon the death of our physical bodies?

Romans 4:3

³ What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

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Matthew 7:24-29

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

²⁵ I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

Q34. To whom does the word “dead” refer?

Q35. What is meant by the phrase “those who hear will live”?

²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.


Q36. What does it mean to have “life in himself”?

John 10:14-18

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me -- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father -- and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life -- only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

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²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Q37. What does "Son of Man" mean?

Psalm 80:17

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Q38. Who granted who "authority to judge"?

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory, and sovereign power; all peoples, nations, and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Q39. Can you think of other verses that indicate that Jesus is the final judge?

John 5:24-27

²⁴ "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Romans 2:16

This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

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²⁸ "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

John 11:38-44

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Q40. In John 11:43 (↑), why did Jesus call out Lazarus' name in a loud voice?

²⁹ and come out — those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Q41. Verses 28 & 29: At what point in history do these verses refer?

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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³⁰ ^a By myself I can do nothing; ^b I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, ^c for I seek not to please myself ^d but him who sent me.

Q42. What did Jesus do throughout His life on earth? (See verse 30^d)

Q43. Why is Jesus the Son of Man just in His judgment?

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