

## Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Message

<p>Controversy (John 5) <i>21 Weeks with Jesus</i></p>
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1. Do you think it was wrong of the paralyzed man to hope in the superstition of the water healing him? Read the following verses before answering:

*Deuteronomy 18:10-12*

*Colossians 2:18-23*

*1 Timothy 4:7*

2. The Jews were upset because Jesus “worked” on the Sabbath. Read the following verses and decide if we are bound to uphold the Sabbath in this age.

*Mark 2:27*

*Mark 3:4*

*Colossians 2:16-17*

*Romans 14:5*

3. Read the following points of application and discuss them:

*Religion rejects Jesus because He actually has power*

*Religion rejects Jesus because He does not conform to its dead rules*

*Jesus is concerned with your repentance rather than your rule keeping*

4. The recurring theme in Scripture that Jesus is God is important for many reasons. When the Jewish religious leaders reject that truth, what are they actually rejecting? *Read John 5:38-47*

5. The Jews were the ones who were actually committing blasphemy because they were rejecting Jesus, who is God Himself. What is the irony in all of this?

6. Jesus describes a number of witnesses that attest to who he is. Those witnesses include: John the Baptist, Jesus’ own works, the Father, the scriptures, and the prophets. Is it comforting to know that there are multiple witnesses that attest to who Jesus is? What other witness do we have as believers today? *Read Romans 8:16*