

The Authority of the Son

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, 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.

²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. 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.

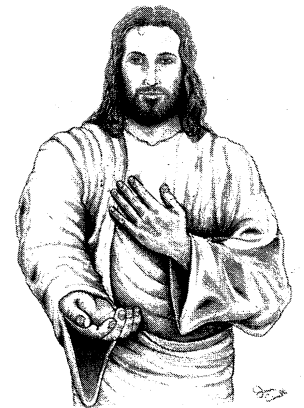
²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

²⁴ "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, 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 also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. *John 5:16-27*

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If you think
Jesus was
just a great
prophet...



then hear
what
He said!

“ I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” *John 14:6*

...Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” *Mark 14:61-62*

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.”

John 10:17-18

²³“You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.” *John 8:23–24*

²⁷ For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. *Matthew 24:27*

Our best information about Jesus comes from written eye-witness accounts as recorded in the Bible, with the oldest existing copy dating to 110 AD.

³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

³¹ Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, *John 10:30-31*

⁵⁸ “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, *John 8:58–59* “I Am” is God’s name which he told Moses at the burning bush. Jesus and his followers knew this.

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

John 14:8-9

“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” *Mark 9:31*

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” *John 11:25–26*

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. *Matthew 25:31-32*

While each person is free to believe what Jesus said or not, it is not academically honest to deny that this is what Jesus said and what his early followers believed. Either Jesus spoke the truth, and He was the Son of God, or he spoke error, and was a false prophet.