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Clashing with Critics

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In vv.1-18 Jesus' healing of a man lands him in hot water with the religious leaders of his day.

1. Why were the religious leaders upset with Jesus (Jn 5:1-18)?
2. What claim did Jesus make in John 5:17 that upset the religious leaders? How does his claim relate to Ex 20:8-11?
3. What do the following passages teach us about Jesus and how he understood the Sabbath? (Mk 1:21-28, 29-31; 2:23-28; 3:1-6; Lk 13:10-17; 14:1-6; Jn 5:1-17; 9:1-41).
4. Did Jesus reject the Sabbath? If not, then how should we think of the Sabbath today (Ex 20:8-11)?
5. Should we keep the Sabbath? What are your practices when it comes to Sabbath?

In vv.19-47 Jesus bears witness about himself (vv.19- 31), and then claims that John the Baptist (vv.32-35), the Father (vv.36-38), and Scripture (vv.39-47) all bear witness to him as well.

6. Why is the role of witnesses so important (Deut. 17:6; 19:15)?
7. What claims does Jesus make about himself in vv.19-31?
8. How does Scripture bear witness about Jesus (vv.39-47)? What specific passages does Jesus have in mind from the writings of Moses (vv.46-47)?



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