**Lesson 6: John 4:43- 5:47**

**Two Healings, The Work of the Son, Jesus Heals on the Sabbath, The Authority of the Son, and Witnesses to Jesus**

Chapter 4 ends with a sign or miracle and Chapter 5 begins with a sign. In Chapter 5 a pilgrimage feast in Jerusalem was taking place, but we do not know which feast it is. In addition to these signs that point to the divinity of Jesus, there are amazing statements about the witnesses and testimony about Jesus from God, Moses, John the Baptist and Sacred Scripture. In chapter 5 we find some of the most profound statements from Jesus about His divinity.

**1.** **Read John 4:43-54 and footnotes
 a. What *was* the first “sign” in the Gospel of John? (See John 2:1-11)**

**b. What was the second “sign”? (4:43-54)**

**c. How is the second sign greater than the first and how does this sign point to the divinity of Jesus?**

**d. How did the royal official from Capernaum determine that *Jesus* was the reason his son was cured?**

**2. Read John 5:1-9 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes with your group.**

**a. Where is Jesus in these verses? Why is he there?**

**b. This is the third sign. What is the sign?**

 **c. What obstacles prevented the sick man in these verses from being cured?**

 **d. Check to see if you have footnotes for 5:7. What is meant by the phrase “when the water is stirred up”?**

**3. Read John 5:10-18 and footnotes. Share your footnotes.**

 **a. What is the main concern of the “Jews” in these verses?**

 **b. What are the main concerns of Jesus in these verses?**

 **5:6-8**

 **5:14**

 **5:17**

 **c. Read 5:14 again. Are there any illnesses that *can* be caused by sin?**

 **d. Why do the Jews persecute Jesus? (5:16, 18)**

**4. Read 5:19-30 and footnotes. Share any helpful footnotes.**

**a. How does Jesus describe the relationship between the Father and the Son in John 5:19-24? Be specific.**

**b. Read John 5:25-30 and footnotes.**

**Read John 5:24-25 again and CCC 635 here. What was Jesus describing and how does Catechism #635 describe this?**

**CCC 635** **Christ went down into the depths of death so that "the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." *[Jn 5:25****; cf. Mt 12:40; Rom 10:7; Eph 4:9]* Jesus, "the Author of life", by dying destroyed "him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and [delivered] all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage." *[Heb 2:14-15; cf. Acts 3:15]* **Henceforth the risen Christ holds "the keys of Death and Hades",** so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth." *[Rev 1:18; Phil 2:10]*

**c. John 5:28-29 describes judgment and the fate of those who have died *before* the Resurrection and Judgment. What will happen to those who have already died? See also CCC 997 and 998 here.**

**CCC 997** In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in his almighty power, will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

 **CCC 998** **All the dead will rise**, **"those who have done good, to the resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment."

**4. Read John 5:31-40 and footnotes. Because the authority of Jesus is being questioned, Jesus mentions witnesses or testimony that was given about HIM. What are the sources of testimony that Jesus refers to in the following verses?**

**5:31 5:32-33 5:36-37 5:39**

**5. How does Jesus describe John the Baptist’s testimony? (5:35)**

**6. Read John 5:41-47 and footnotes. Jesus calls one more witness, Moses.**

 **How does Moses testify for Jesus?**

**Genesis 49:10** The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his feet, until tribute comes to him, and he receives the people’s obedience.

**Deuteronomy 18:15** A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen.

**7. Does Jesus believe that His testimony here will be accepted by the Jewish authorities? See 5:37-38, 40, 46-47.**