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THE  
**GOSPEL** *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

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And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son,

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just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

## John 5:16

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Two Problems:

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2. Jesus has the right to "work" on the Sabbath

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1. Giver of Life
2. Ultimate Judge

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## Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,  
<sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed;

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and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

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