

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## THE JESUS DILEMMA, Part 6

Jesus' Own Claims

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For all Rock Church events, please visit <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>
2. Let your friends know that they can always live stream the Rock Church Sunday worship experience by visiting <http://www.therocksandiego.org/live/>
3. Next Small Group New Leader Orientation will be on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have somebody in your group that is ready to step up and lead their own group, have them contact John at [john.darrow@therocksandiego.org](mailto:john.darrow@therocksandiego.org), or Nicole at [nicole.moser@therocksandiego.org](mailto:nicole.moser@therocksandiego.org) for more info.

## MEMORY VERSES

“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.” (John 5:23 ESV)

“For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.” (John 5:26 ESV)

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – THE JESUS DILEMMA (JESUS' OWN CLAIMS)

### Getting Started

1. Review the 4 points of “Jesus' Own Claims” as listed in the lesson plan:
  1. Jesus exercised **spiritual** authority only assigned to God. *John 5:8-9, John 5:14, John 5:22, Mark 2:7*
  2. Jesus gave Himself **titles** that made Him equal to God. *John 5:17-18, John 8:58*
  3. Jesus accepted **worship** which was only assigned to God. *John 5:23, Matt. 4:10*
  4. Jesus claimed to be the way to **heaven**. *John 5:24-26, John 14:6*
2. What point from the lesson plan stood out to you the most and why?

## Digging Deeper

Read John 5:1-29 together as a group. These 29 verses hold a lot of weight in the support of Jesus' claims to be God. As you read these passages try to point out key attributes about the person and work of Jesus.

1. After reading the passages together, what are some key attributes about Jesus that you noticed?

Note: Attributes of Jesus are anything that mentions his nature, promise, or character. (*Ex. Joe has blond hair, he is nice, he constantly works out, etc.*) The purpose is to keep the focus on who Jesus is.

2. In the story of "The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath" Jesus emphasizes 2 specific things, what are they, and what do you suppose is his point?

"The focus of Jesus' ministry was spiritual rather than physical. He did not want people to seek Him only for physical benefit. His miracle of healing the two blind men is another demonstration of His authority, power over blindness. The men recognized His messianic authority, but Jesus did not heal them only because He is Messiah; He healed in response to their faith in Him as Messiah. He instructed them, "Don't let anyone know about it." This miracle was meant for the disciples only: Israel was not to receive any other sign because of their rejection. The leaders attribute His power to Satan and this became their fundamental argument against His miracles. They objected because of the fact that He claimed power to forgive sins. There is no recorded healing of the blind in the Old Testament, but Isaiah predicts that Messiah will open the eyes of the blind. (Is. 35:5)"<sup>1</sup>

3. How do verses 18-29 encourage you in your faith of Jesus? Do his claims of being God (fully God and fully man) give you more confidence in him?

What are some specific details in this passage that encourage your faith?

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<sup>1</sup> Cheney, J. M., Ellisen, S. A., & Cheney, J. M. (1999). *Jesus Christ The Greatest Life : A Unique Blending of the Four Gospels* (100). Eugene, Or.: Paradise Publishing Inc.