

## “INSEPARABLE”

### JOHN 5:16-23

*A pause in miracles and a break from gospel conversations occurs as a major discussion begins – one occupying thirty verses of thought. Two-thirds of the Trinity grab the headlines as a terrific treatise unfolds:*

### EQUALITY IN THE DEITY

#### ① The Teaser (5:16-17)

The progression of \_\_\_\_\_ toward Jesus has been escalating (2:18; 4:1; 5:16).

Two essential insights (Mark 2:27-28):

1. “The Sabbath was made for man” → But instead of their \_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath, sadly the Sabbath was \_\_\_\_\_ them.
2. “Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath” → As the Lord of all, He cannot and is not to be by anything, including the Sabbath.

Can you imagine what would happen if God were to take a \_\_\_\_\_ from His active work and involvement?

#### ② The Teaching (5:18-22)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of His words reveals the intimacy of His relationship with the Heavenly Father. In 5:17, He asserts: “My Father.”

To these certain Jews, Jesus was blatantly exercising the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ by declaring equality with the Father and thus worthy of death.

Notice from 5:19-23 the combination of the words “Father” and “Son” in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of these five verses.

As deity, they’re both on the same exact page – committed to our salvation, sanctification, service, sharing the gospel, citizenship and security.

Of the three words for love, John purposefully etches the word that shows the personal \_\_\_\_\_ that exists between members of the same family!

The Father and Son, firmly cemented on the same divine page, remain deciders of the \_\_\_\_\_ of humanity.

#### ③ The Terms (5:23)

Reciprocal honor should be extended to both the Father and the Son.

### CONCLUSION

If there is equality in the deity, then when the Father is recognized, so too should the Son. The words of Jesus Himself make the point of this necessary dual inclusion of the Father and the Son (10:30; 11:42; 12:50; 13:3; 14:6; 15:1; 16:23; 17:3).

Bring Jesus into your conversations, for without Him, there is no Savior, there is no salvation and there is no eternal life.