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Basic structure:

V 16-18: Jesus' defense

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V 25-27: Resurrection and judgement now!

V 28 –30: Resurrection and judgement soon!

Question to ask:

Who is this Jesus..?



V 16-18: Jesus' defense

John 2:4 - Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

John 7:32 - "no one laid a hand on Him, because his hour had not yet come."

John 8:20 - "No one seized him because his hour had not yet come"

John 12:27-28:

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

= Jesus came to die!

V 16-18: Jesus' defense

Jesus is the Son of the Father.

- Equal with God
- Is Lord of the sabbath

God is always at work. Even on the sabbath.

- Lamentations 3:22
- Deuteronomy 31:6







Truly, truly...

V 19-24: Jesus' nature

"the Son can do nothing by himself" =

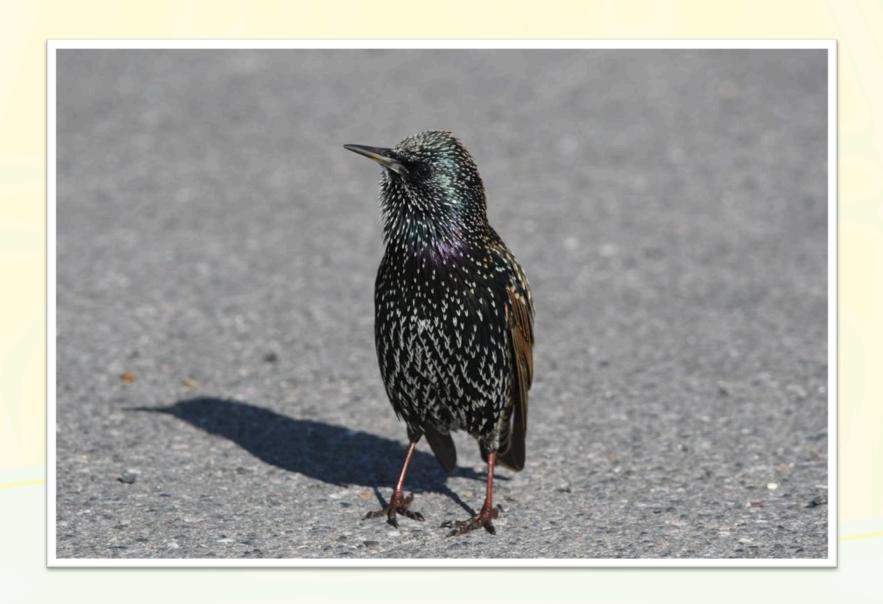
- Not weak or powerless (does healings v8-10)
- Not a puppet or robot (authority, seeks to please the Father (v30)
- Operates but perfectly within the Father's will, not isolated from the Father

The person of the Holy Spirit is also working in harmony (John 3:34-35)

The Holy Trinity at work



V 19-24: Jesus' nature



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V 19-24: Dynamics of the relationship

A foundation of love (v20)



V 19-24: Jesus' nature

- Not a business relationship (no limited contact, not impersonal)
- The Father shows the Son all He does (nothing secret)

Be Amazed: greater things to be seen!

• Just as Father gives life, the Son gives life (Gen 2:7)



Resurrection power (v 25-30)

Be warned:

To reject the Son is to Reject God! (v23) Without Jesus we stand condemned (John 3:17-18)



Spiritual resurrection:

The Father and the Son

V 25-27: Resurrection and judgement now!

- Is already happening
- Is tangible, observable
- Miraculous

The spiritually dead:

- People that do not respond to Jesus
- Don't have the Spirit

The spiritually living:

- People that respond to Jesus
- Have the Spirit
- Walk a new path (Gal. 5:24-25)



V 25-27: Resurrection and judgement now!

The Son of Man

- Still the Son of God
- Full knowledge of what it is to be human
- Did not sin (Heb. 4:15)
- The perfect judge of all mankind
- No condemnation for those who have crossed from death to life!

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus – Romans 8:1

Salvation is assured now!



V 28 –30: Resurrection and judgement soon!

Physical resurrection

- Still to come
- Jesus will come back as king, in glory, with angels
- All nations/All people who ever lived will attend
- New bodies

Final Judgement

- Doing good is "good done" in faith of Jesus (James 2:14-17)
- Those accepting Jesus will enter His kingdom
- Those not accepting Jesus will not enter His kingdom
- All judgement by Jesus is perfect, and according to the Father's will



The Father and the Son Conclusions

Who is this Jesus...

that can do whatever the Father does in such perfect harmony?

that can give life just as the Father gives Life?

That can resurrect the dead?

that God would give to be the righteous judge of all mankind?

The answer can only be: God himself.