

Life's Most Important Question

John 5:1-24
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Life's most important question is...

A. Jesus boldly demonstrates his deity through the healing of the lame man (Verses 1-9).

B. Jesus boldly proclaims His deity in that...

1. He claimed God was His Father, thus making Himself equal with God (verses 10-18).
2. He claimed to be able to do what God the Father does (verses 19, 20).
3. He claimed to have power to raise the dead and give life (verse 21).
4. He claimed He was equal to God in His judgment (verse 22).
5. He claimed to be equal to God in receiving honor (verses 23, 24).

C. Everyone must choose to believe or reject the deity of Christ because (verse 24)...

1. How we choose determines our eternal destiny (John 3:16-18, 36).

“The claims of Jesus Christ confront everyone, forcing all to make a decision either for or against Him. There is no neutral ground, for as Jesus said, ‘He who is not with Me is against me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters’ (Luke 11:23). Those who accept Him for who He is, God incarnate in human flesh, will be saved from their sins through Him (Matt. 1:21; I Tim. 1:15; Heb. 7:25). But those who believe Him to be anything other than who He truly is will one day face His judgment.”

~The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: John 1–11
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2. How we choose determines if we live for ourselves or Jesus.