

WHAT JESUS CAN DO

JOHN 5:17-20

I. THE LORD DEFENDED THE TIMING OF HIS WORKS (5:17-18)

- A. He Claimed To Be Working Concurrently With The Father
- B. He Claimed To Be God's Equal Contemporary

II. THE LORD GAVE EXPOSITION REGARDING THE NATURE AND SOURCE OF HIS WORKS (5:19-20)

- A. The Son Seemed To Initially, Almost Affirm The Jewish Contention That He Could Not Be God (5:19)

- 1. He Can Do Nothing Of Himself (5:19a)
- 2. He Can Do Whatever He Sees The Father Doing (5:19b)
 - a. Jesus Was Not Talking About Mere Imitation
 - b. Jesus Was Talking About Indivisible Unity Of Action

- B. The Son Further Explained Himself With Relational Realities Rather Than Continuing With Constitutional Realities (5:20)

- 1. There Is Love Within The Trinity
- 2. There Is A Functional Economy Within The Trinity
- 3. There Is Such A Unity Of Essence That What One Member Does, The Other Does, And yet There Is Such Distinction Of Person That One Can Initiate While The Other Responds
- 4. There Would Be Even Greater Works Than The Healing Of A Cripple