

**Christmas: The “Sent” One—The Uniqueness of His Work**  
**John 5:16-30**  
**Part 2**

**Summary (Gen.3:15; 12:3; Jn.5:23,24,30)**

- 1. “Christmas: The “Sent One”—The Fulfillment of the Covenant Promise” (Malachi 2:17-3:5)**
- 2. “Christmas: The “Sent” One—Proclaiming the Year of Lord’s Favour (Is.61:1-2; Luke 4:14-30)”**
- 3. “Christmas: The “Sent” One—The Uniqueness of His Person” (Jn.5:16-30) (Part 1)**
  - 1. Jesus claimed to be God by saying that God was His Father in a unique sense (Jn.5:17)**
  - 2. Titles: Jesus used three titles (the Son, the Son of Man and the Son of God) as expressions of His deity (Jn.5:25-27)**
  - 3. The Son and the Father are honoured equally: A claim to deity (5:23)**

**Introduction: The three Persons of the Trinity—Equal in essence but different in function (Jn.5:16-30; Mk.10:42-45)**

- 1. The “Sent One” and the Father: A unique relationship of equal power (5:16-19,30)**
  - 1. Functional differences in sovereignty: Submission (Jn.5:19a,30; 6:38)**
  - 2. Functional differences; but equality in ability (5:17,19)**
    - 1. The continuous work of the Father and the Son (5:17)**
    - 2. An exclusive relationship in equal sovereign power (5:17,19)**
- 2. The “Sent One”: Life and the conferring of the ultimate gift—eternal life (Jn.5:21,24,25,26)**
  - 1. The Father has conferred the role of Life-giver on the Son (5:26)**
  - 2. The Son confers life on those whom He is pleased to bestow it (5:21; 17:2)**
  - 3. The Son confers life on those who are spiritually dead, and those who are physically dead (5:25)**
  - 4. Those who believe in the Son have eternal life (5:24; Jn.1:1; 14:6)**
    - 1. The Son is pivotal to our eternal destiny**
    - 2. Our eternal destiny is dependent on what we do with God’s Word**

3. The believer is granted eternal life upon believing Jesus to be his or her Lord and Saviour

3. The Son: The final Judge (5:22,24,27,28-30)

1. Jesus: Appointed to judge (5:22; Eph.1)

2. Harmony in judgment between the Father and the Son (5:30)

1. "By myself I can do nothing" (5:30a)

2. Jesus' judgment is based on the will of the Father

3. Jesus' ability to judge (5:27)

1. OT background: Jesus' Person (Is.7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-10)

2. OT background: Jesus' work (Is.9; 11:3-10)

3. OT background: Title—"Son of Man" (Dan.7:13-14; Matt.26:64; Mk.14:61-62)

3. The serious nature of the judgment (5:28-29)

1. The dead will necessarily respond to the call of Jesus (5:28)

2. What do the "good" works and the "evil" works refer to? (5:29)

#### Conclusion

1. It is critical not to underplay the seriousness of who Jesus is

2. Be very careful that you are not currently in a state of condemnation