**"Christianity on Trial—Who is This Jesus?"**  
**God's Grace verses Religion's Rules—Part 1**

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**John 5:16-29 (ESV)**

And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.  (17)  But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." (18)  This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.  (19)  So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.   
  
(20)  For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. (21)  For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.   
  
(22)  The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, (23)  that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.   
  
(24)  Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (25)  "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. (26)  For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.   
  
(27)  And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. (28)  Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice (29)  and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

**How God the Father and God the Son are "One":**  
  
**1) In their common work of restoring & reconciling (verses 16-19**  
**2) In their power to give spiritual life to dead sinners (verses 20-21)**  
  
**3) In their requirement that each be granted equal honor (verses 22-23)**  
**4) In Their gracious & common offer of salvation (verses 24-26)**  
  
  
**John 6:37-40**  
All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. (38)  For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. (39)  And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. (40)  For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."