

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.

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. John 5:19-20 ESV

Jesus was performing marvellous miracles, but in so doing He broke some religious traditions. The Pharisees were so offended by this that they missed the beauty and wonder of what had just happened - a man who had been unable to do anything for himself for thirty eight years could now walk! His entire life got transformed in an instant and all they were concerned about was that one of their rules had been broken.

Jesus countered them by saying that God had done it. The same God that these religious people were supposed to be worshipping, had performed the miracle on this man. But they were so stuck in their traditions and cultural status that they missed the bigger picture – the very God they were supposed to be serving had come to reveal Himself to them. He wanted a relationship with them.

Jesus was giving them an inside track to know God, but they **couldn't** hear Him. They **didn't** want to believe Him. Perhaps they were too comfortable with the status quo, it suited them. Later, He gave them four evidences; John the Baptist, the works, the Father and the Scriptures, to try convince them of who He was, but they refused to come to Him that they may have life (v40).

May we come to Jesus and have life and enter into this marvellous relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We too, can be in on what the Father is doing, through a loving relationship with Him. We too, can do the works of God. He has ordained it and pre-planned good works for us to walk in, as we walk in close fellowship with Him through His Holy Spirit whom He sent to help us. Jesus said, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the **age.**" (Matthew 28:20)

Have you received life through Jesus?

- 1) What does this passage teach us about God? How does it apply to you?
- 2) Do you have a close, loving relationship with Jesus, the Father and Holy Spirit?
- 3) What works is the Father showing you to do today, to reveal Him to others? It may be as simple as being kind to a grumpy co-worker, or to give a word of wisdom to someone in need, or He may want you to rebuke cancer or raise the dead. Whatever He shows you, do it.

Based on today's reading, what is one thing God is saying to you?