

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Jesus Defends His Work, Part 1"

John 5:16-18 (Psalm 65:1-13)

Introduction

- Have you ever tried to explain yourself to someone, only to dig yourself deeper in a hole?
- Jesus spoke the truth; but His words that should have justified Him were unjustly used against Him

I. Jesus Falsely and Unjustly Condemned (v. 16)

- Jesus kept the Law perfectly and completely, as the Lawgiver and interpreter of it (Matthew 22:37-39; Luke 10:27)
- The Judaic leaders unjustly despised and rejected Jesus as a false prophet – they added to the Law and misapplied it (Deuteronomy 13:1-5)

II. Jesus Worked Just as His Father works – including on the Sabbath Day (v. 17)

- Necessary work (Isaiah 40:26; Acts 17:28; Daniel 5:23 Galatians 3:29; Isaiah 46:10-11)
- A work of love and compassion (Matthew 12:1-8)

III. Jesus' Words were Twisted to Further the Judaic Leaders' Unjust Outrage against Him and Contempt for Him (v. 18)

- Truth spoken by Jesus, not blasphemy (Isaiah 44:1-12; John 1:1-5, 14; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-13; Revelation 1:8, 11, 17; Matthew 12:8; John 8:44)
- If a person doesn't believe Jesus is the Incarnate YHWH Elohim, he or she will stand condemned on Judgment Day (Matthew 7:23)

Conclusion and Application

- Will Jesus say to you on Judgment Day, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"? (Matthew 25:34)