

Text: **John 5:17**

Title: **“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working”**

Focus: Every reason to believe

Message Outline:

A. The problem of not believing

1. Understanding the problem

a. Some can't believe

- i. Tradition
- ii. Race
- iii. No knowledge of sin and life

b. Some won't believe

- i. An issue of the heart
- ii. Not willing

2. Contrast of the Samaritan woman (John 4) and the Jews (John 5)

a. Samaritan woman

- i. Did not have the same religious traditions
- ii. Was not of Jewish descent – God's chosen people
- iii. Came to believe

b. Jews

- i. Strong religious traditions and scripture passed down
- ii. God's chosen people
- iii. Yet did not believe

B. Recognizing that Jesus is the Christ

1. Believing in Jesus Christ
 - a. By understanding who He really is
2. He is Son – John 5:17
 - a. The Father works He works
 - b. He does not do anything of Himself
 - c. What He sees the Father does, He does likewise
 - d. The Father loves the Son and shows Him all things
3. He is Sent
 - a. One who gives life – John 5:21
 - i. Healing
 - ii. Raising of dead
 - b. One who judges – John 5:22
 - i. Forgiveness of sins
 - c. One who seeks the will of the Father who sent – John 5:30

C. The challenge to believe

1. Every reason to believe
 - a. Testified by John the Baptist
 - b. Testified by His Works
 - c. Testified by God
 - d. Testified by the Scriptures

2. Our part

- a. To recognize Jesus as the Christ
- b. To discover a personal faith in Jesus Christ
- c. To reaffirm / strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ