



## 1. Welcome

If this is your first time with us, we'd love to let you know more about who we are and what we do. Please let Joel or Anna know your email details and we will be in touch.

## 2. What's on?

### Covent Garden Talks – New series Thursdays from 23 Sep, in person and online

We're starting a new series in John 5-10 titled "The Anatomy of Unbelief". Invite your colleagues by sharing our flyer [here](#).

\*\*\*Please note we will hold the talks in a different venue for 7<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Neal Street Espresso, which is only a few minutes away (34 Neal Street, WC2H 9PS). See the location [here](#).\*\*\*

### Covent Garden Prays - Wednesdays 8-8.30 am on Zoom

We meet weekly to pray for each other and for the ministry.

[Click to join](#) | Meeting ID: 841 8321 7925 | Passcode: CGT | Add to [Google Cal](#) or [Outlook](#)

### Covent Garden Groups - Starting 7 Oct

We'll be studying the book of Romans together in Covent Garden Groups restarting on 7 Oct. There will be an in person and online option. Speak to Joel or Anna to sign up.

To find out more, visit us at:

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**Introduction: How does one believe that Jesus is God?**

*A crazy claim...*

**Context**

*<sup>18</sup> 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.*

*A cosmic trial: Jesus & the Jews on trial - witness, testify, judgment, law*

**You can believe because...****1. He does what God does (v19-30)**

*He gives life and judges (v19-23)*

*He gives life and judges through his words (v24)*

*He gives life and judges today (v25-30)*

**2. His witnesses testify (v31-40)**

*John the Baptist (v31-35)*

*His works (v36)*

*God/Scripture (v37-40)*

**But you can't believe..****3. if you love the praise of men (v41-47)****Application****Discussion questions:**

1. How does today's passage help you believe that Jesus is God?
2. How does today's passage help you understand why people don't believe Jesus is God?
3. Spend time praying for one another

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.

<sup>25</sup> "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. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

<sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"