

Stirred Faith

The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. – **John 5:15**

First Objection

And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. – **John 5:16**

Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. [...]

[...] If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." – **John 7:21-24**

Jesus Responds

But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." – **John 5:17**

Second Objection

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. – **John 5:18**

The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” [...]

[...] The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” – **John 10:31-33**

Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death. – **Leviticus 24:16**

Blasphemy

Blasphemy [NW1828]: *noun* An indignity offered to God by words or writing; reproachful, contemptuous or irreverent words uttered impiously against Jehovah.

BlaspHEME [NW1828]: *verb transitive*

1. To speak of the Supreme Being in terms of impious irreverence; to revile or speak reproachfully of God, or the Holy Spirit.
2. To speak evil of; to utter abuse or calumny against; to speak reproachfully of.

Modern Blasphemy