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Blasphemy
to Belief**

John 5:18-24

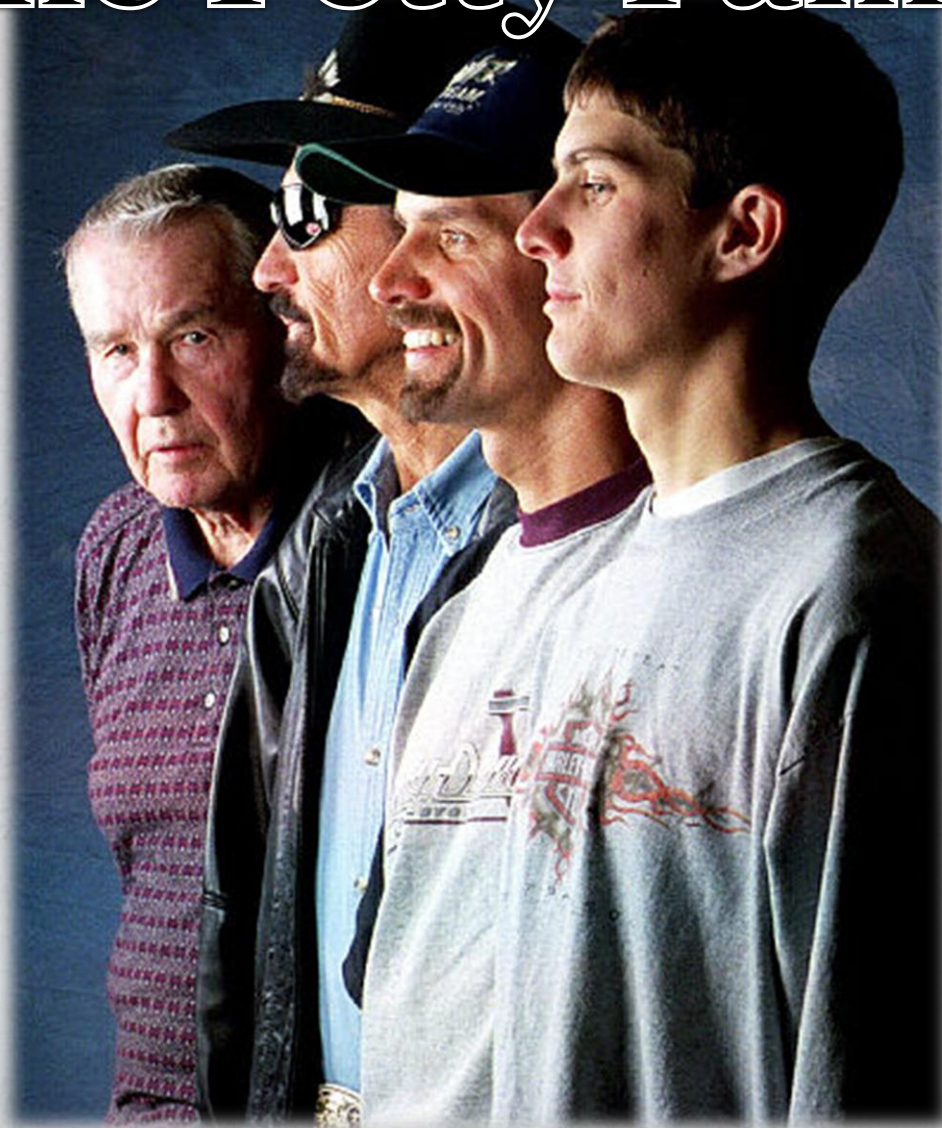
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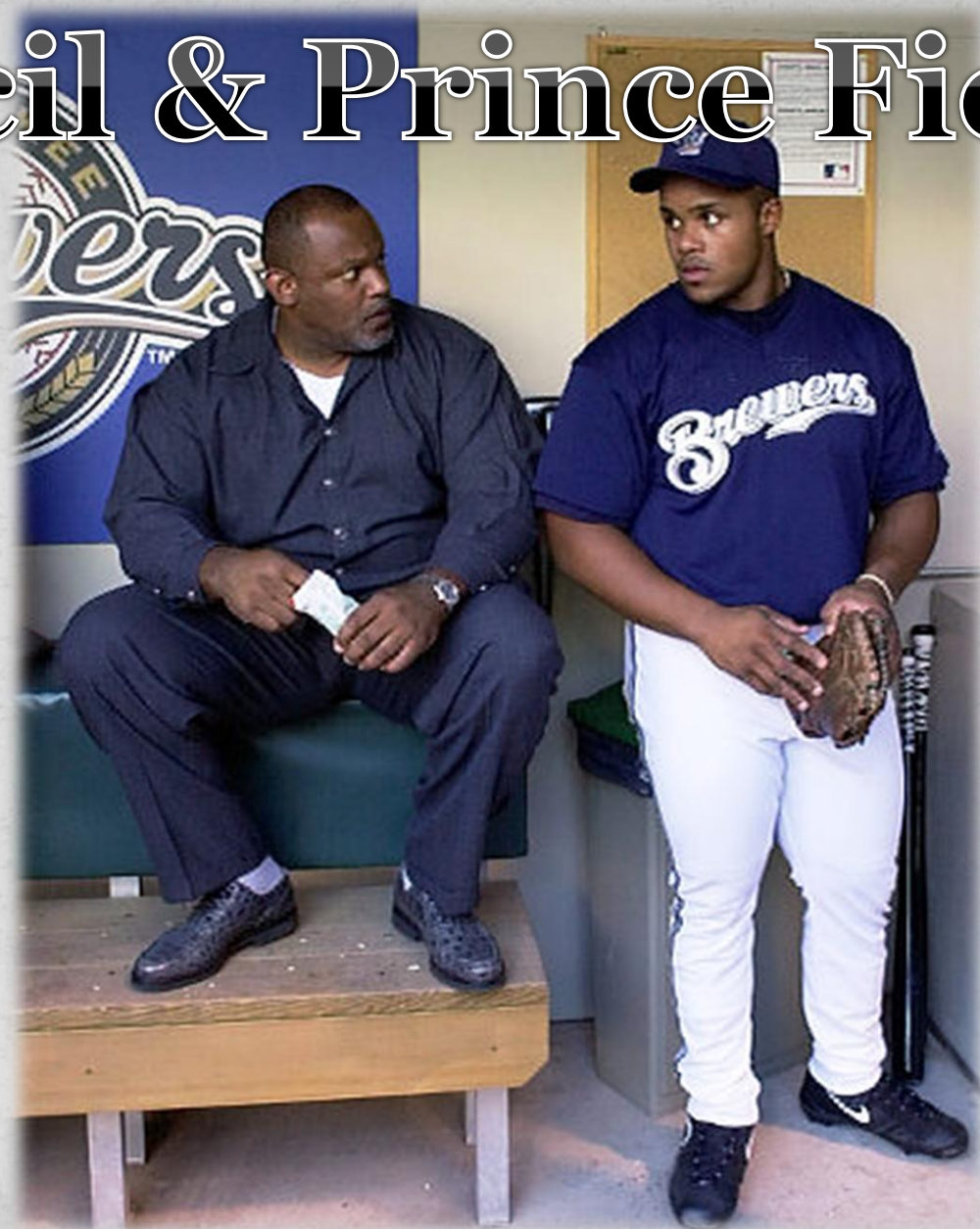
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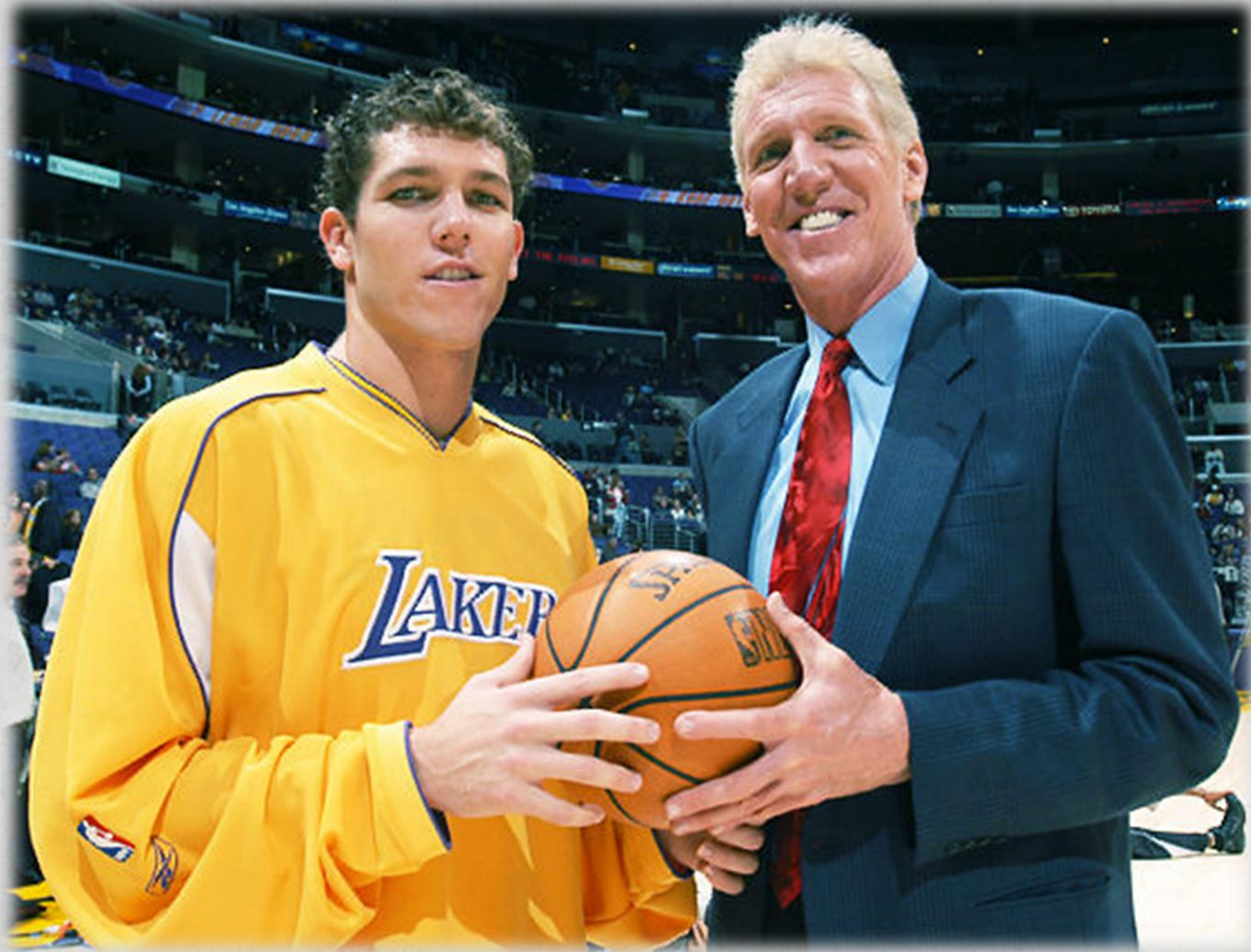
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- ◆ Jesus introduces Father/Son language to push us to one of two extremes:
- ◆ Blasphemy or Belief
- ◆ 90% of Americans believe in God - Who is God?

John 5:17-18 (English Standard Version)

¹⁷But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

¹⁸This 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.

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- ◆ Jesus says, “My Father”
- ◆ Not common then
- ◆ What does the Sabbath have to do with this?
- ◆ Who gets to work on the Sabbath?
- ◆ Jesus says, "I get to work on the Sabbath - because I am God"

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- ◆ From the beginning, the religious leaders weren't confused about Jesus - they rejected Him because they understood His claims
- ◆ Have you rejected Christ? Why?
- ◆ Jesus did this on the Sabbath on purpose - why?
- ◆ To confront
- ◆ Because He's seeking sinners - those lost in religion

John 5:19 (English Standard Version)

¹⁹So 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.”

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- ◆ Christ made sure that his death happened
- ◆ He could have cleared up any misunderstandings
- ◆ Can't separate all of the warm fuzzy Jesus stuff from the One who repeatedly claimed to be God
- ◆ Jesus is a great example of "I obediently serve God"
- ◆ What about you?

John 5:20 (English Standard Version)

²⁰For 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.

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- ◆ God has a plan for mankind with Christ at the center - not man!
- ◆ Jesus says, “I'm only getting started. You ain't seen nothing yet!”
- ◆ Am I in awe of Christ the way I should be?
- ◆ Do I participate in these greater works of Christ the way I might?
- ◆ In this rejection, Christ finds comfort in the love of God
- ◆ Do you?

John 5:2-4 (English Standard Version)

²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He will. ²²The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³that 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.

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- ◆ Jesus as Judge - we really don't like this!
- ◆ Warm, fuzzy Jesus will be the final judge of all!
- ◆ Another direct claim to deity
- ◆ We are judged on how we receive God by how we have received his Son
- ◆ Christ continues to pull the rug out from under us
- ◆ He won't allow us to say 'great teacher' or 'great religious leader'
- ◆ Either He's the great blasphemer or we are

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- ◆ He says, "Not only do I do God's works, I deserve God's worship"
- ◆ Do you worship Him?
- ◆ For the 21st century, spiritually minded person...
- ◆ Can't know or please God without Christ
- ◆ All religions aren't one
- ◆ Without Jesus, you blaspheme God

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- ◆ A great example of courage from Christ
- ◆ Knowing and doing the will of Christ - especially when it's hard

John 5:24 (English Standard Version)

⁴Truly, 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.

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- ◆ You are dead without Christ
- ◆ Life comes to those who listen and believe through Christ

Isaiah 55:3 (English Standard Version)

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live; and I will make
with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

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- ◆ Do you see Jesus as He is?
- ◆ At stake is life
- ◆ Are you seeking to know and do God's will?
- ◆ Have courage!
- ◆ Be comforted in God's love

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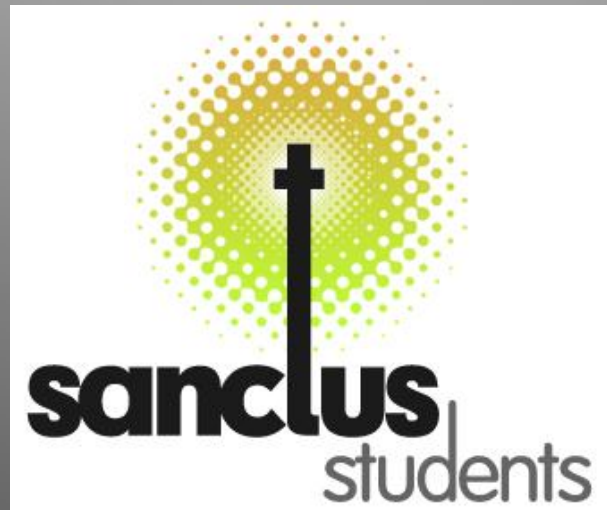
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