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2. Who does not come under Jesus' judgment?

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### Teacher Notes

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Jesus is often portrayed as a personal friend or even as a peer. However, this lesson attempts to show that this attitude isn't appropriate for the Messiah King. Read each section dramatically to the student and encourage careful listening.

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Ask the student: who did you learn how to behave from? What does Jesus mean, "the Son is not able to do anything on His own?" Allow some time for sharing.

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Ask the student: what sort of judgment does God entrust Jesus with?

Ask the student: what do you think Jesus is saying just a few verses later?

"I can do nothing on my own. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me. (John 5:30, CSB)

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Ask the student: who does Jesus say you should believe in?

Jesus' statement, "believes him who sent me has eternal life," is in reference to His Father God.

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Ask the student: what really matters? You consider Jesus a friend or that Jesus knows you a friend?