

# John 5:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

## Analysis

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'For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.' Divine love produces complete transparency—the Father shows the Son everything. Greater works are coming—presumably resurrection and final judgment (verses 21-29). These will produce marvel (thaumazo)—astonishment at divine power. The Bethesda healing is just the beginning.

## Historical Context

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The 'greater works' include raising the dead (verse 21) and executing final judgment (verse 22). These divine prerogatives belong to the Son by the Father's loving delegation. The progression from physical healing to resurrection to judgment escalates Jesus' claims.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Father's love for the Son express itself in shared knowledge and authority?
2. What 'greater works' has Christ accomplished that should produce marvel?

## Interlinear Text

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ὁ γὰρ πατήρ φιλεῖ τὸν υἱὸν καὶ πάντα δείξει  
G3588 **For** G1063 **the Father** G3962 **loveth** G5368 G3588 **the Son** G5207 **and** G2532 **all things** G3956 **he will shew** G1166

αὐτῷ ὃ αὐτῷ ποιεῖ καὶ μείζονα τούτων δείξει  
**him** G846 **that** G3739 **him** G846 **doeth** G4160 **and** G2532 G3173 **these** G5130 **he will shew** G1166

αὐτῷ ἔργα ἵνα ὑμεῖς θαυμάζητε  
**him** G846 **works** G2041 **that** G2443 **ye** G5210 **may marvel** G2296

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 3:35** (Love): The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

**Matthew 3:17** (Love): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**2 Peter 1:17** (Love): For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**John 17:26** (Love): And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

**John 15:15** (Parallel theme): Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

