

He to the Son also to have life in Himself : and He gave Him authority to execute *Judgment*, because He is the *Son of Man*'' . (JOHN 5 :21-23, 25-27).

Here, where the Almightyness that is required to raise the dead, is spoken of, Jesus will act in His Royal dignity as Son of God. Where the sympathy is required with which the shortcomings of men are to be weighed in the just judgment of God, Jesus will estimate the good and the ill of human lives, as One Who was Himself Man, and Who has drunk humanity's cup to the dregs. It is the law of being Judged by One's Peers, the justest law, when properly interpreted, that was ever placed upon the statute books of men. It may have been framed to permit nobility to be judged by nobility. But it ought equally to mean that men who have been down-trodden and exposed to exceptional temptations, cannot properly be judged, except by men who have tasted of their sorrows and drunk of their woes. It would be easy for the well-groomed dweller in the comfortable avenues of life, to utter a severe condemnation of the life and character of the lad who never breathed any other atmosphere than that of the foul and vicious slums, and around whose threshold the fierce demons of temptation ever battled for his soul. It would be easy ; but it would be unjust to the point of unholiness, unless he had a sympathetic knowledge of the conditions of life in the slums. When God will judge humanity, He will do it by One Who was "in all points tempted like as we are", even if it were yet without sin. God has given to His Son Jesus Christ "authority