

WITNESSES TO JESUS JOHN 5:31-47

OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 5. TODAY WE FINISH THIS POWERFUL CHAPTER OF SCRIPTURE. JESUS SHOWED MERCY TO A PARALYTIC MAN AND HEALED HIM ON THE SABBATH. THIS MIRACLE, AS AMAZING AND WONDERFUL AS IT WAS, CAUSED THE PHARISEES TO GET UPSET AND START ASKING QUESTIONS. JESUS CAPITALIZED ON THIS OPPORTUNITY AND SPOKE THE TRUTH OF HIS DIETY. HE REVEALED THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD AND HE ONLY DOES WHAT HE SEES THE FATHER DOING. THE FATHER IS ALWAYS WORKING, SO THE SON SHALL DO THE SAME. THESE STATEMENTS OF DIETY ARE OFFENSIVE TO THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND THEY CANNOT SEE THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH. THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN OF JESUS THROUGH THE AGES, THEY ABSOLUTELY CANNOT UNDERSTAND BECAUSE THEIR HEARTS ARE FAR FROM GOD. WE PICK IT UP TODAY MID CONVERSATION AS JESUS PRESENTS HIS CASE. THE JEWS ARE ALL ABOUT THE LAW. SO, JESUS WILL SPEAK TO THEM AS IF IN A COURTROOM SETTING. JESUS WILL BE CALLING WITNESSES TO THE STAND (METAPHORICALLY). LET'S GET STARTED.

John 5:31-47 NIV

³¹ "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

³³ “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

³⁶ “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹ “I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

John 5:31-32 NIV

³¹ “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

JESUS IS EXPLAINING WHAT THE LAW STATES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IF HE WAS MERELY GIVING TESTIMONY ABOUT HIMSELF, HIS TESTIMONY WOULD NOT BE VALID ACCORDING TO THE LAW. JESUS CAN'T LIE OR EMBELISH

Deuteronomy 19:15 NIV

¹⁵ One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

JESUS CALLS THE MOST IMPORTANT WITNESS TO THE STAND
1. GOD THE FATHER.

ANOTHER/ALLOS/ANOTHER OF THE SAME KIND

1 John 5:9 AMPLIFIED

⁹ If we accept [as we do] the testimony of men [if we are willing to take human authority], the testimony of God is greater (of stronger authority), for this is the testimony of God, even the witness which He has borne regarding His Son.

THE FATHER TESTIFIED WHEN JESUS GOT BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN

John 5:33-35 NIV

³³ “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

JESUS CALLS HIS SECOND WITNESS TO THE STAND, 2. JOHN THE BAPTIST

YOU HAVE SENT YOUR SMARTEST BIBLE SCHOLARS OUT TO INVESTIGATE JOHN THE BAPTIST. HE SAID “BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD!”

JESUS PROCEEDS TO TELL THEM, “I DON’T NEED JOHN’S TESTIMONY, I MENTION IT TO YOU SO THAT YOU MAY BE SAVED”. JESUS LOVED HIS ENEMIES

JOHN WAS A LAMP OF THE TRUTH IN THE SPIRITUAL DARKNESS OF ISRAEL, AND YOU ENJOYED IT FOR A WHILE. UNTIL THEY THREW HIM IN PRISON

John 5:36-38 NIV

³⁶ “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have

never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

JESUS CALLS HIS THIRD WITNESS,
3. HIS SUPERNATURAL WORKS

MIRACLES, HEALINGS, CONTROLLING THE WEATHER, CASTING OUT DEMONS, SEEING INTO PEOPLE'S HEARTS; ALL PROOF OF HIS DIETY

MORE THAN 300 PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY JESUS
JESUS CALLS THEM OUT...YOU DON'T KNOW GOD, AND HIS WORD THAT YOU "STUDY" DOES NOT DWELL IN YOU

THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STUDYING FOR KNOWLEDGE AND TRUE SAVING BELIEF IN WHAT GOD SAYS

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE AND THEY HEAR AND OBEY
HIS WORD DWELLS WITHIN THEM

DWELL/ECHO/TO HAVE, HOLD, KEEP

John 5:39-40 NIV

³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

JESUS CALLS HIS FOURTH WITNESS,
4. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

YOU CAN STUDY THE SCRIPTURES ACADEMICALLY WITH THE FALSE HOPE OF SALVATION. TO KNOW SCRIPTURE IS TO BE FULLY CONVINCED THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD AND DO WHAT HE SAYS

THEIR PROBLEM WAS NOT IGNORANCE BUT ARROGANCE

MODERN DAY EXAMPLE IS TO PROFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD BUT NOT BELIEVE HIS WORD TO THE POINT OF CONVERSION AND REPENTANCE

ETERNAL LIFE IS ONLY ACHIEVED AND EXPERIENCED IN CHRIST
John 5:41-42 NIV

⁴¹ "I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts.

JESUS IS SAYING, "MY FEELINGS AREN'T HURT BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME". I ONLY SEEK GLORY FROM MY FATHER EVEN WHEN MANKIND REJECTS ME, THE GLORY IS MINE

AGAIN, JESUS CAN SEE THEIR WICKED HEARTS THAT WANT TO KILL HIM. THEY LOVE THEMSELVES, NOT GOD

John 5:43-44 NIV

⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

THE SON OF GOD HAS COME AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE HIM
THEY DO BELIEVE ALL OF THE RABBIS THEY SIT UNDER, JUST
NOT THE HOLY RABBI

THEY PAT EACH OTHER ON THE BACK FOR THEIR STATUS AND
LAWS WHILE KEEPING GOD OUT OF IT. SELF GLORIFICATION
EFFECTIVELY CANCELS OUT THE GREATER GLORIFICATION THAT
COMES FROM GOD AND IS ONLY AVAILABLE BY KNOWING HIS
SON

John 5:45-47 NIV

⁴⁵ “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your
accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. ⁴⁶ If you
believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about
me. ⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you
going to believe what I say?”

I CALL MY FIFTH AND LAST WITNESS TO THE STAND,
5. MOSES

HE SAYS THE FATHER NOT YOUR FATHER, YOUR ACCUSER THAT
PROVES YOU GUILTY IS THE LAW YOU SO DILIGENTLY STUDY.
MOSES'S WRITINGS READ IN SYNAGOGUE EVERYDAY WILL
CONDEMN THEM. WHY? BECAUSE THEY DON'T BELIEVE

IF THEY BELIEVED, THEY WOULD RECEIVE JESUS AS MESSIAH

THEIR HOPE IS “HOPE SO” OURS IS “HOPE SURE”

LET THE SCRIPTURES HEAL YOU, CONVICT YOU, ENCOURAGE
YOU, GIVE YOU GREAT WISDOM, AND DWELL (ECHO) WITHIN
YOU ALWAYS

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