

Witnesses to Jesus Christ

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John 5:31-47

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How Many Witnesses?

- Witnesses are sworn to give true testimony...
- OT law required two witnesses agreeing^{Dt17:6;19:15} U.S. one credible witness
- Jesus had declared about His mission^{Lk4:18-19}, His work^{Jn17:4}; His identity^{Jn4:26}
- Jesus brings forth 4 witnesses about who He is!

Witness #1 : John the Baptist 32-35

- Jesus appeals to John the Baptist-
- At this point, John the Baptist was more well known^{Mt3:5-6;11:7;Jn3:26} than Jesus
- John the Baptist - restoration of OT prophet after God silent for 400 yrs
- John the Baptist's testimony was clear: Jesus was the Christ
- Leaders refused to acknowledge John the Baptist's testimony^{Mt11:30-32}

Witness #2 : Jesus' Works & Signs 36

- Jesus declares – look at the works I am doing!
- Miracles don't prove existence of God - that is assumed...
- Miracles affirm Jesus was sent from God- Nicodemus^{Jn3:2}
- Jesus claims miracles are the 2nd witness to His identity^{Jn10:37-38}

Witness #3 : God the Father 37-38

- The Father audibly declared Jesus to be the beloved Son^{Mt3:17;17:15;Mk9:7;Lk9:35}
- Jesus accused them of not having God's Word abiding in them³⁸
- People of Israel grumbled against God^{Num14:1} and tried to go back to Egypt
- God doesn't appreciate when His people don't listen^{Num14:11}
- We are called by God to believe God's Word^{Jms1:21;Jn8:31-32}

Witness #4 : The Scriptures 39-40

- God had given them Scriptures, they had searched them...
- The whole of the OT points to Jesus Christ
- They refused to come to Jesus⁴⁰ unwilling to receive the testimony!
- Like admiring a window and its design rather than the view of the window
- Jesus told them if another comes you will receive him - Simon bar Kokhba^{132A.D.}
- Even Moses through the Scriptures accuse you⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷

So That You May Believe

- John is showing us once again why he wrote^{20:31}
- Don't miss this powerful call to respond to the witnesses!
- God won't be patient forever^{Act17:30-31}
- Obey God's Word: Repent & Believe that Jesus is the Savior!