

The Testimony from Witnesses of Jesus Identity

John 5:30-47 (Page 75 in the BPB)

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³⁰Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30-31)

Context:

Healing of the Lame Man (5:1-9a)

Conflict with the Jewish Leaders (5:9b-18)

Jesus' Dependence on and Obedience to the Father

³⁰"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (John 4:34)

¹⁹Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner."

"On My own initiative" (lit. "of Myself") John 8:28-29, 42; 10:17-18; 12:48-50; 14:10; (also of the Holy Spirit 16:13)

Witnesses concerning Jesus Identity

³¹"If I *alone* testify about Myself, My testimony is not true.

³²"There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.

John 8:12-18

Jesus turns the table on the Jewish leaders and puts them on trial because of their unbelief in the face of testimonies 5 witnesses.

Witness of John the Baptist

³³"You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

John1:6-8, 19-28; 3:27-36

³⁴“But the **testimony** which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵“He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

Witness of Jesus’ Works

³⁶“But the **testimony** which I have is greater than *the testimony of John*; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—**testify** about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

Works – 5:20, 36; 7:3; 9:3-4; 10:25, 32-33, 37-38; 14:10-12; 15:24; 17:4

Signs - John 2:1-11; 4:46-54; 20:30-31

Witness of the Father

³⁷“And the Father who sent Me, He has **testified** of Me.

Jesus’ baptism – Matt. 3:17; John 3:34

You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.

Voice - John 10:26-27

form - (John 1:18; 14:9)

³⁸“You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

Witness of the Scripture

³⁹“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life;

it is these that **testify** about Me;

Luke 24:25-27, 44-47

⁴⁰and **you are unwilling to come to Me** so that you may have life.

Matthew 11:28-30

⁴¹"I do not receive **glory** from men;

⁴²but I know you,

that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

⁴³"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me;

if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

⁴⁴"How can you believe,
when you receive **glory** from one another

and you do not seek **the glory** that is from the *one and only* God?

John 1:14

Witness of Moses

⁴⁵"Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

⁴⁶"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.

Deut. 18:15-18; Acts 28:23-24

⁴⁷"But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

Luke 16:27-31

Application:

2 Peter 1:19-21

The Bible presents overwhelming evidence to the Person and work of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures testify of Jesus. Do not be like the religious leaders, “unwilling to come to [Jesus]. Do not harden your heart but put your trust in Jesus so that you may have eternal life.