

Supporting Testimonies: Christ the Messiah, Son of God (John 5:31-47)

- Jews questioned Jesus' statements: where is the corroborating evidence?
- In a court of law for a testimony to be deemed to true it needs evidence
- Jesus sets before the Jews several lines of key evidence to consider
- The evidence appeals to God in course of revealing himself in history
- Jesus life/ministry explained in what God had done/ is doing in humanity

I. Jesus' Witness is not Unproven (5:31-32)

- Jesus acknowledged His testimony had to be corroborated (Deut 19:15)

II. The Testimony of John the Baptist (5: 33-35)

- John had been a burning light – they had been willing for a time to rejoice in his light. Nevertheless they veered into darkness again

III. The Testimony of Jesus' Works (5:36)

- 'But I have an even greater witness than John,' the works the Father has given Him to do. All His works bear witness to His claims.

IV. The Testimony of Jesus' Father (5:37-38)

- The Father has testified of Jesus throughout the history of revelation

V. The Testimony of the Scriptures (5:39-44)

- They search the Scriptures as an end in itself seeking eternal life in them
- But they bear witness about me- I am the very life they testify to

VI. The Testimony of Moses (5: 45-47)

- They trust in Moses – Moses will judge them because He spoke of Me