

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“Can I Get A Witness?” John 5:31-47
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Jesus Calls Five Witnesses To Validate He Is The Messiah:

Witness #1 John The Baptist

³¹ "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. ³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his **testimony** about me is valid. 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. **John 5:31-35 (NIV)**

✓ Then John, (the Baptist), gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." **John 1:32-34 (NIV)**

Witness #2 Jesus' Signs

³⁶ "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the **very work** that the Father has given me to finish, and **which I am doing**, testifies that the **Father has sent me**.
John 5:36 (NIV)

- ✓ [Nicodemus] came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could **perform the miraculous signs** you are doing if God were not with him." **John 3:2 (NIV)**
- ✓ Then will the eyes of the **blind** be opened and the ears of the **deaf** unstopped. ⁶ Then will the **lame** leap like a deer, and the **mute** tongue shout for joy. **Isaiah 35:5-6 (NIV)**

Witness #3 God The Father

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**. **John 5:37-38 (NIV)**

- ✓ Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "**You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased**." **Luke 3:21-22 (NASB)**

Witness #4 The Scriptures

³⁹ You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet **you refuse** to come to me to have life. ⁴¹ "I do not accept praise from men, 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 if you accept praise from one another, yet **make no effort** to obtain the praise that comes from the only God? **John 5:39-44 (NIV)**

✓ **The Savior Will Pay For Our Sins**

⁵ But he was **pierced for our transgressions**, he was **crushed for our iniquities**; the **punishment that brought us peace** was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the **LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all**. **Isaiah 53:5-6 (NIV)**

✓ **God in the Flesh**

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**." **Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

✓ **The Savior will come 483 years after the command to rebuild Jerusalem**

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to **restore and rebuild Jerusalem** until the **Anointed One**, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be **rebuilt with streets and a trench**, but in times of trouble. **Daniel 9:25 (NIV)**

✓ **Not a bone of Him would be broken** Psalm 34:20

✓ **Betrayed for thirty pieces of silver** Zechariah 11:11-13

✓ **Will rise from the dead** Psalm 16:8-11

Witness #5 Moses

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 5:45-47 (NIV)**

✓ **God Will Raise Up A Prophet** Deuteronomy 18:17-19

✓ **The Savior Will Come From The Woman's Seed** Genesis 3:15

✓ **The Savior Will Come Through The Lineage Of Shem** Genesis 9-10

✓ **The Savior Will Be A Descendant of Abraham** Genesis 12; 17; 22

✓ **The Savior Will Be A Descendant of Isaac** Genesis 17;21

✓ **The Savior Will Be A Descendant of Jacob** Genesis 28; 35:10-12; Numbers 24:17

Their Problem:

- **They Were Unwilling – John 5:40-43**
- **They Were Proud – John 5:43-44**

➤ **Will You Be A Witness For Jesus?**

My next right step, I will:

[] Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

[] Sign up for a small group or take Foundations of Faith class

[] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism Sept. 24, 2PM - Torrey Pines State Beach

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: Have you ever witnessed an accident or something unforgettable? What do you remember? Why do you think it left an impression on you?

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Jesus Calls Five Witnesses To Validate He Is The Messiah:

Witness #1 John The Baptist

Read John 5:31-35

What does Jesus say about John the Baptist?

Read John 1:32-24

What does John the Baptist say about Jesus?

Why is this significant?

Witness #2 Jesus' Signs

Read John 5:36

What are some of the works Jesus did to prove He is the Messiah?

Read John 3:2

What did Nicodemus say about Jesus?

Why is this important?

Read Isaiah 35:5-6

What miracles will the Savior do?

Witness #3 God The Father

Read John 5:37-38

What does Jesus say about the Father?

Read Luke 3:21-22

What did the Father say about the Son?

Witness #4 The Scriptures

Read John 5:39-44

What did Jesus say about the Scriptures?

What does Isaiah 53:5-6 tell us?

What does Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6 tell us?

What does Daniel 9:25 tell us?

What does Psalm 34:20 tell us?

What does Psalm 22:1, 6-8, 14-18 tell us?

What does Daniel 9:25 tell us?

What does Zechariah 11:11-13 tell us?

What does Psalm 16:8-11 tell us?

Do you see Jesus in these verses? Why or why not?

Witness #5 Moses

Read John 5:45-47

What does Jesus say about Moses? Why?

What do you learn from these verses?

Deuteronomy 18:17-19

Genesis 3:15

Read John 5:40-44

What was the Jewish leader's problem according to Jesus?

What would Jesus say about you?

What effort have you made to really know Jesus personally?

Who have you shared Jesus with this year?

Close in prayer.