

Can I Get a Witness?

(John 5:31-47)

- Introduction:
1. Jesus came to this earth, asking people to believe in him (John 5:24).
 2. But we are rational beings. What proof does Jesus offer that would persuade us to believe in him?
 3. Let's examine the four witnesses Jesus gave to his genuineness.

I. His Own Testimony

- A. (John 5:31).
- B. However, this won't hold up in a court of law, so he provides four other testimonies (Deuteronomy 19:15).

II. The Testimony of John the Baptist

- A. (John 5:32-35).
- B. The people viewed John as a prophet of God (Mark 1:5).
- C. But John proclaimed Jesus to be the Messiah (John 1:29).

III. The Testimony of Jesus' Works

- A. (John 5:36).
- B. Only the hard-hearted could deny Jesus' claims after witnessing his miracles (Matthew 12:24).
- C. (Mark 2:10).

IV. The Testimony of the Father

- A. (John 5:37-38).
- B. The baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:16).
- C. The transfiguration (Matthew 17:5).

V. The Testimony of Scripture

- A. (John 5:39-47).
- B. Old Testament Scripture prophesied of Jesus.
- C. The design of prophecy - The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10).
- D. (John 5:46; Luke 24:27).

- Conclusion:
1. God covered all the bases with Jesus, leaving him adequate testimony as to his identity.
 2. We're not expected to blindly leap out into the dark, rather God has provided us with testimony that we might make a rational decision as to what we will do with Jesus.
 3. What will you do with Jesus?