

# The Gospel of John: That You Might Believe

## *The Fourfold Witness: John The Baptist*

(John 5:30-47)

### Introduction:

1. Christianity is a rational religion and the faith that we are commanded to possess is not a “leap in the dark,” but a faith that is based on evidence.
2. Jesus does not expect us to believe that he is the Son of God on his testimony alone, but rather he provides us with additional evidences.
  - a. John the Baptist.
  - b. The works of Jesus.
  - c. The Father.
  - d. The Scriptures.
3. Let’s examine the first evidence of Jesus’ validity - the testimony of John the Baptist.

### I. Background To The Text

- A. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath as the Jews watched on with great disapproval (John 5:1-12).
- B. Their hatred grew even greater when Jesus claimed to be equal with God (John 5:18).
- C. Rather than leaving them with his own claim, he proceeds to provide the Jews with witnesses to his own claim.

### II. Testimony & Jewish Law

- A. (Deuteronomy 19:15) By the mouth of two or three witnesses a matter would be established.
- B. Jesus fulfills the demands of the Law by providing , not two or three witnesses, but four witnesses that could testify to the truthfulness of his claims.

### III. The Testimony of John The Baptist

- A. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus.
  1. (Isaiah 42:16; Mt. 3:3; Mal. 4:5-6; 11:11-15).
- B. John the Baptist was recognized as a prophet of God.
  1. (John 3:5-6; Matthew 21:26).
  2. The Jews, themselves, recognized him as an authority, and sought his judgment (John 1:15-28).
- C. John’s testimony concerning Jesus.
  1. He was before John - claim of deity (John 1:15; Luke 1-2).
  2. Grace and truth came through Jesus (John 1:17).
  3. Jesus was the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).
  4. Jesus was the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

- Conclusion:
1. John, a prophet of God, testified that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God.
  2. While this is weighty evidence, Jesus doesn’t simply leave it there, but proceeds to offer three more witnesses that testify to his claims.

## The Gospel Of John

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”

(John 20:31).

### Responses To The Identity of Jesus

- **The Identity of Jesus**
- The Woman at the Well
- The Believing Nobleman
- The Jews
- The Five Thousand
- The Adulterous Woman
- The Blind Man
- Lazarus
- Pilate
- Thomas
- Peter

### The Fourfold Witness

- **John The Baptist**
- The Works of Jesus
- The Father
- The Scriptures

### The Claims of Jesus

- I Am The Bread of Life
- I Am The Light of the World
- I Am The Door
- I Am The Good Shepherd
- I Am The Resurrection and Life
- I Am The Way, Truth, & Life
- I Am The True Vine

### Today’s Lessons:

- A.M. - *The Identity of Jesus*
- P.M. - *The Fourfold Witness:  
John the Baptist*