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Gospel of John

John 5:30-47

Witnesses to Jesus

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John 5:30-35

“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.

32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

John 5:36-40

36But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

John 5:41-47

41I do not receive glory from people. 42But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

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- Reiteration of v19-20 specifically applied to Jesus judgment
- **Matthew 6:9** *“Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

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- In Jesus' humanity, He is upheld not by His own deity but by His dependence upon the Father. Here in v32 the Father is bearing witness to the Son by inward testimony
- DA Carson-"At this point in the argument, then, Jesus is not claiming the Father is a witness entirely external to himself who is bearing witness for the sake of the opponents. In other contexts the Father may offer independent testimony for the sake of others (12:28-30) but not here. The Father who testifies in this passage does so for Jesus sake, to establish the content of Jesus' own utterance about himself."
- **Romans 8:16** *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God*

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- Now Jesus point to John the Baptist as a witness for their sake
 - End v34 *“I say these things so that you may be saved”*
 - How did John the Baptist’s bear witness to the truth? John 1:6-8 & John 1:29-34
 - *V34 “Not that the testimony that I receive is from man”*
 - Lost humanity is saved hearing the testimony of Jesus Christ from other people and believing-Romans 10:14-17
 - *V35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.*
 - **Ps 132:17** *There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.*

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- **John 3:2** *“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”*

37 *And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.*

- **Mark 1:9-11** *“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”*

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- ***His voice you have never heard: Ex 33:11*** Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.
- ***his form you have never seen: Gen 32:30*** So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”
- ***you do not have his word abiding in you:*** Unlike the Psalmist (Ps 119:11 or Joshua 1:8-9)
- End of v38 “***For you do not believe the one whom he has sent***”

39 *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,*

- **Luke 24:25-27** *“And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”*
- **Acts 3:18** *But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.*

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- **Matt 23:5** *They do all their deeds to be seen by others....6 they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.*
- **Matt 6:1-2** *“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.....v5 And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*

Matt 28:11-13 *While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”*

Romans 2:29 *But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.*

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- **Deut 18:15** *“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen”*