

INTRODUCTION

1. The importance a single word can have: *witnesses* [Lk 24:48].
2. Luke records these words but John heard them - Jn 5:31-39

1st: The Witness of Jesus to Jesus - Jn 5:31-32

1. Jesus complies w/ legal principle of 2-3 witnesses.
 - i. Jn 8:12-18 Phars refute Jesus' testimony as invalid - Dt 19:15.
 - ii. v14 - Jesus' witness is true b/c He knows who He is & who sent Him.
2. Father's testimony is Jesus' testimony [Jn 10:30]. Jn 5:17-19. [Jn 14:10]
 - i. Jesus is the true revelation of God as the God-Man - Jn 1:18; Hb 1:3
 - ii. Jesus testifies what the Father testifies.
 - iii. 5:20-30 Jesus' role in FJ = revelation of Father's works & words.
3. Jn 5:31-32 - *another* = another of the same kind. Jesus' testimony is as divine as Father's wh/ is given to & thru Jesus: Emmanuel: *God w/ us*.

2nd: The Witness of John the Baptist to Jesus - Jn 5:33-35

1. 2nd witness: JnB. Jesus = Life & Light & JnB = *testifies* - Jn 1:6-8.
 - i. v15 - testify [= witness] of Jesus' higher rank & pre-existence
 - ii. v19 - testimony fulfills Isa 40:3 [v23] - prepare for YHWH's arrival
 - iii. v31-34 - JnB received God's witness - sees HS descend on Jesus & then gives witness - v34
2. *Witness* is not disciples' confessing at baptism [Mrk 1:5], but JnB testifies to the identity & ministry of Jesus.
 - i. JnB's summary - Jn 3:26 Jesus is *He to whom you have testified*
 - ii. Paul's summary - A 19:4.
3. Jn 5:35 JnB's witness: *burning & shining*: Attracted short-lived interest
4. *Witness* is akin to JnB's ministry: identify Jesus & His ministry

3rd: The Witness of Jesus' Works to Jesus - Jn 5:36

1. Jesus is the revelation of the Father as the Father's testimony wh/ is grter than JnB's testimony to Jesus. v19 - Jesus reveals Father's works
2. *The works* include Jesus' life, death, res, exaltation & FJ [5:20-30]

3. Carson: "Once this Father/Son rlnshp is grasped, everything Jesus does simultaneously attests who He is & who is the Father." 5:20,23 [1 Jn 5:12]

4th: The Witness of the Father to Jesus - Jn 5:37

1. Father's witness: *He has testified of Me* [past completed act].
 - i. Jesus' baptism - Father's voice - Lk 3:22
 - ii. anticipate Jn 12:28-30 - Father's voice
2. Jesus' *works* 2x [v36] = God's witness to Jesus

5th: The Witness of the Scripture to Jesus - Jn 5:38-39

1. Father's voice heard 3x - bapt, Transfig, Jesus *hour* in Jn 12. Father's voice = *His word* = *Scripture wh/ testify about Me*
2. v38 w/o faith in Jesus, Word of God does not *abide* w/i men.
3. v39 - *you search*: Phar's rlnshp w/ Scripture is suspect - [Hb 4:2].
4. Scripture *testify about ME*

6th: The Pharisee's Rejection of the Witness to Jesus - Jn 5:39-47

1. **1st Problem**: v39 - Phar's motivation: salvation by knowledge of Script
2. **2nd Problem**: v39 - Phar's interpretation: Lk 24:44-47. Jn 5:46-47. [Lk 24:46; Jn 1:45; Jn 2:22; Jn 20:9]
3. **3rd Problem**: v40 - willful unbelief.
 - i. v41-42, 44 - Phar's love of men grter than love of God - [Rom 2:29].
 - ii. v43 - faith in false messiahs - Gn 3:15; Lk 21:8
 - iii. v45-47 - Cannot reject Jesus & claim to believe OT

Applic #1: You Have Been Given God's Witness to Jesus

1. All men have been given some measure of revelation.
2. We have been given testimonies - Lk 12:48.

Applic #2: Respond in Faith to God's Witness to Jesus

1. Why are you being given this testimony? Jn 5:34b

2. Jesus says to you - v42 *I know you.*
3. Jesus calls to discipleship - Jn 12:23-26