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JESUS PRESENTS 5 "WITNESSES" AS EVIDENCE

(John 5:31-40)

INTRODUCTION

Many of the Jews were not convinced that Jesus was the Christ:

- (John 5:15-16) "the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him"
- (v18) "The Jews sought all the more to kill Him"
- (v40) "you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life"
- (v43) "and you do not receive Me"

In the text, Jesus presents **5 undeniable proofs** to support His claim of being the Christ.

1. (v31) **"IF I BEAR WITNESS OF MYSELF"**

It would be unusual for Jesus not to bear witness to His claim.

Later, Jesus said, (John 8:13-18) (v14) "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true"

2. (v32-33) **"THERE IS ANOTHER WHO BEARS WITNESS OF ME, ... JOHN ..."**

John's witness is recorded: (John 1:6-8, v25-28, v34, v36)

Jesus accuses these Jews of first accepting John's witness, but now they reject it.

3. (v36) **"BUT I HAVE A GREATER WITNESS THAN JOHN'S; FOR THE WORKS WHICH THE FATHER HAS GIVEN ME TO FINISH, THE VERY WORKS THAT I DO, BEAR WITNESS OF ME, THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT ME"**

The gospel of John records 7 miracles; however, there are more (John 20:30-31).  
Nicodemus concluded: (John 3:2) "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."  
See also: (Luke 7:18-22; Acts 2:22; Hebrews 2:4)

4. (v37-38) **"AND THE FATHER HIMSELF, WHO SENT ME, HAS TESTIFIED OF ME"**

The Father's voice of testimony recorded twice: (Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5)

5. (v39) **"YOU SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES, FOR IN THEM YOU THINK YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; AND THESE ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME"**

(v46) "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me"  
See also: (Luke 4:16-21; Luke 24:27 and v44) (Acts 26:21-23)

**CLOSE:** (Acts 2:36) "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ"