

WITNESSES TO THE DEITY OF JESUS  
(John 5:30-47)

- I. Laying the Groundwork for PRESENTING His Defense (John 5:30-31)
  - A. Summarizing Jesus' claim to EQUALITY with the FATHER (5:30; cf. 5:19-29)
    - 1. He ALWAYS acts in conjunction with the FATHER
    - 2. His JUDGMENT is always JUST
  - B. Acknowledging the Jews' REJECTION of His SELF-affirmation (5:31)
  
- II. Calling the WITNESSES for His Defense (John 5:32-47)
  - A. The testimony of JOHN THE BAPTIST (5:33-35)
    - 1. The Jewish authorities had INVESTIGATED John (cf. 1:19-27)
    - 2. They had heard him TESTIFY "to the TRUTH"
    - 3. John's testimony was DIVINELY initiated
    - 4. Only by BELIEVING the truth could they be SAVED
    - 5. They CELEBRATED a new prophet but REJECTED his MESSAGE
  - B. The testimony of JESUS' WORKS (5:36)
    - 1. They demonstrated divine APPROVAL of the MESSENGER
    - 2. They VALIDATED His claim to EQUALITY with the Father
  - C. The testimony of the FATHER (5:32, 37-38)

1. Rejected because they have never HEARD HIS VOICE
2. Rejected because they have never SEEN HIS FORM
3. Rejected because they do not have HIS WORD abiding in them

D. The testimony of SCRIPTURE (5:39-47)

1. They were UNWILLING to believe what the BIBLE said of Jesus
2. They rejected Jesus because there was no “LOVE OF GOD” in them
3. They rejected Jesus because He didn’t APPLAUD THEM
4. Moses will ACCUSE THEM, because they didn’t BELIEVE him