



Sermon Title: "Irrefutable Testimony Concerning Jesus"

Scripture: John 5:30-47

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Introduction

Review from last week...

- In chapter 5, verse 19, Jesus explains that He is Equal in Works with the Father.
- In chapter 5, verse 20, Jesus explains that He is Equal in Knowledge with the Father.
- In chapter 5, verse 21, Jesus explains that He is Equal in Life-Giving Power with the Father.
- In chapter 5, verses 22-29, Jesus explains that He is Equal in Judgment with the Father.

How is it that the most religious people missed Jesus?

I. Decisive Testimony Concerning Jesus

A. Verse 30: Jesus again stresses His "Oneness" with the Father.

John 4:34 - "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."

John 8:29 - "...He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, FOR I ALWAYS DO the things that are pleasing to Him."

Matthew 26:39 - "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Note: While Jesus was One with the Father (perfectly aligned with the Father, loving the Father, trusting the Father), the religious leaders were not!

B. Verse 31: Jesus is NOT alone in His testimony.

C. Verse 32: Jesus knows that the Father's witness is decisive, true, and authoritative.

D. Verses 33-35: John the Baptist was a credible, recognized witness to Jesus.

Luke 20:5-6; John 5:34; John 20:31 -

E. Verse 36: Jesus' works, His miracles, validated His deity and authority.

John 11:47-48; Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 2:14 -

F. Verses 37-47: Jesus brings six devastating charges against the Jewish leaders.

Charge #1: You don't know God or His Word. (verses 37-38)

Charge #2: You have completely missed the main point of the Scriptures. (verses 39-40)

Charge #3: You don't have the love of God in you. (verses 41-42)

Charge #4: You'll believe and fall for any false messiah but you won't believe Me. (verse 43)

Charge #5: You are consumed with shallow and worthless things. (verse 44)

Charge #6: The reason you don't believe Me is because you don't believe Moses. (vs 45-47)

II. Three Big, Important Questions...

Question 1 - Why does Jesus make such a big deal about Moses and the Scriptures?

Question 2 - What does Jesus say is the reason why these religious folks rejected Him?

Luke 9:23-24 -

Question 3 - Why can't you believe in Jesus AND seek the glory of man?

Note: True saving faith in Christ gives ALL the glory to God and not to man.

Romans 4:20b-21 -

Note: True saving faith results in being satisfied in Christ, not craving the praise of others.

Galatians 1:10b; John 12:42-43 -

Take Home Questions for Further Study & Reflection & Application...

1. Why does Jesus stress and emphasize His "oneness" with the Father, in verse 30? How does that set the stage for everything that follows?
2. Who is Jesus referring to in verse 32? Why do you think that?
3. Who are the witnesses and various testimonies that Jesus appeals to in verses 33-40?
4. Why didn't the religious leaders believe in Jesus when they saw His miracles? What does this teach us about the human heart and about the nature of saving faith?
5. Why does Jesus level six devastating charges against the religious leaders? What is He trying to achieve or accomplish? What are some of the most shocking things that Jesus says to them?
6. How should we understand and think about the Old Testament, as it relates to Jesus?
7. What were the religious leaders seeking and craving? How are we tempted to do the same thing? What are some ways you have found to help you focus upon and live for the glory of God?