



More Witnesses Go on Record: Jesus is God

John 5:31-47

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Jesus claimed to be God. (John 5:18; 10:30; 14:9)

Where's the proof?

Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness is not enough.... A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. (NIV)



Witness 1: People (John the Baptist) (31-35)

John 1:6 A man came, one sent from God, and his name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.... 23 He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said." 29 ...he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 34 And I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God." (NAS)

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." (NIV)

The primary witness God uses to share Jesus is us.



Witness 2: Works of Jesus (36)

John 20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

John 3:2 ... "Rabbi, we know that you are...from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." (NIV)

Christianity is an evidential faith about events that happen in history, so it invites investigation.

John 14:12 "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (NIV)

Matthew 5:16 "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (NIV)

When people see the works of Jesus in me, they can believe in God.



Witness 3: God the Father (32, 37-38)

Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened.... 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (NIV)

1 John 5:9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. (NIV)

What we believe about Jesus reveals what we actually believe about God.

We cannot say, "I believe in God, but not Jesus," because they are the same.



Witness 4: Scripture (39)

Luke 24:15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.... 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.... 44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (NIV)

Jesus is both the fulfillment and orientation of all Scripture. I need to see him in every passage.

Verdict? (37-47)

When we do not believe Jesus is God, we will follow falsehood instead of truth and live for people instead of God.

Unbelief is not primarily because we do not understand (mind). It is essentially because we reject (will) Jesus and refuse to love (heart) him.



Matthew 27:22 "What shall I do, then, with Jesus?" (NIV)

Do I believe that Jesus is God?
Do I love him and follow him?