

# SERMON OUTLINE John 5:30-47

With God As My Witness

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## **JESUS' MAIN CLAIM (30)**

## **JESUS' WITNESSES (31-47)**

*John the Baptist (32-35)*

*Jesus' Miraculous Works (36)*

*God the Father (37a)*

*The Scriptures (39, 46)*

## **THE REASONS FOR THE JEWS' REJECTION OF JESUS**

*Lack of Genuine Knowledge of the Scriptures (37-40, 45-47)*

*Lack of the Love of God (42)*

*Hypocritical (43)*

*Loved own Glory (44)*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The main point of all of this is that while Jesus is fully trustworthy—with the most credible witnesses attesting to it—the Jews still would not believe because of the hardness of their hearts. The main takeaways for us are to ask God to make us humble as we come to the Word of God and eager to believe and obey all we find therein.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If you were on trial for something extremely significant, who would you want as a witness to testify on your behalf? Who do you think would be the most helpful person to call? What makes someone a good witness?
3. Which of Jesus' witnesses provided the strongest testimony to back up Jesus' main claim?
4. How good of a witness are you for the truthfulness of the claims of Jesus?
5. If you are still not sure of whether to trust in Jesus or to trust entirely in Jesus, who would need to testify and what would they need to say for you to believe? Who would be the perfect witness in your eyes?
6. How are you guarding against falling into the same deadly pit the Jews fell into—the pit of adding onto or taking away from God's Word? How are you intentionally seeking to live an authentic Christian life instead of a man-made counterfeit version?
7. Do you think there are any ways it was easier to believe in Jesus' day?
8. Which of the four reasons for rejecting Jesus can you most relate to?
9. Can you think of any reasons in addition to the ones highlighted in our passage that people reject Jesus and dismiss His witnesses? What are the reasons you rejected Jesus? Why do the people in your life reject Him?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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11. Read a few chapters in *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. Consider their witness in addition to the ones mentioned in our passage.
12. Find one way to be a better witness for Jesus this week.
13. Identify one way you are currently adding to the commands of Jesus.
14. Read your Bible consistently this week, looking for evidences of Luke 24:25–27 and John 5:46.
15. Do one specific thing in light of one specific command and/or promise of Jesus.
16. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

## PRAYER POINTS

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17. Adoration. Praise God for bearing witness to the claims of Jesus. Praise Jesus for being perfectly obedient to the Father. Praise God for being love and life. Praise God for His perfect purposes and timing.
18. Confess. Confess any ways you still doubt Jesus. Confess any ways you have been or are being a poor witness for Jesus. Confess anything you share with the Jewish unbelievers (ignorance of the Bible, lack of love, hypocritical, prideful).
19. Thanksgiving. Thank God for making Jesus' testimony entirely true. Thank God for providing many and impeccable witnesses to the claims of Jesus. Thank God for loving the world in such a way that He sent His Son to save the world.
20. Supplication. Ask God to open the eyes of three specific unbelievers in your life. Ask God to strengthen the faith of the people of Grace Church. Ask God to help us trust wholly in Jesus that we would obey Jesus completely.