

Last week we considered the astounding claims of Jesus in John 5. But why should we and others believe those claims? Jesus tells us, in John 5:31-47, that God has given three witnesses that testify to the truthfulness of Jesus' claims. We, too, can rely on these witnesses!

The Witness of

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

- One with God
- Submissive to God
- The Giver of Life
- The Judge

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NEXT STEPS:

If you identify as a follower of Jesus, think about someone you know and love who is not yet a Christian. What is one way you could point them to or share one of the "3 witnesses?"

If you don't yet identify as a follower of Jesus, which of the 3 witnesses have you not yet fully considered? What would it look like for you to explore that witness further as you continue to grapple with the claims of Jesus?

NEXT WEEK: Jesus and the Feeding of the 5000 | John 6

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Take some time to share highs and lows from the week to share life together!

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 5 from the top together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. What are the 3 witnesses that God the Father gives to testify to the truthfulness of Jesus' claims? Identify each in the text of John 5:31-47. How do the Jewish leaders respond to each?
3. Throughout the Gospels and here in John 5, why are Jesus' harshest words spoken to the religious leaders?

4. What role did the "3 witnesses" play in your own coming to faith in Jesus? Was one more influential and helpful than the others?

5. Why is John 5:39 so massively important for our reading and understanding the Bible? Is this how you were taught to read the Bible?

6. What are some of the many ways that the Old Testament points us to Jesus?

7. How can the "3 witnesses" help us share the Gospel with others? How do we practically point others to the "3 witnesses?"

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use John 5 as a springboard and fuel for your prayers together praying specifically for not-yet-Christians in your own circles of influence.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.