



February 23, 2025
Bearing Witness to the Truth
John 5:31-47

1. After considering all of the bold and sweeping claims made by Jesus in John 5:19-30, do you agree with what C. S. Lewis says – that Jesus is either a Liar, Lunatic, or He's the Lord?

Why do people today try to make Jesus into a "great moral teacher" without accepting His divine claims?

2. Why are the miraculous works of Jesus not enough, in and of themselves, to convince someone to believe in Jesus as the Messiah?
3. Discuss how Jesus can claim that the entire Old Testament bears witness to Him (vs. 39)

"If the purpose of scripture is to guide men to the Lord, and if the only way to the Lord is through the redemption of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the revelation of Christ should be the grand and predominant theme of the Scripture. Indeed, it is. All revealed truth, in one way or another, relates to and is ultimately defined by the central truth of the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed.

...Understanding the Old Testament is impossible without reference to Christ. He is the key that unlocks all the mysteries of the Old Testament. This is not speculation; This is the teaching of the New Testament, both by direct statement and by example." - **Beginning with Moses - Dr. Michael P.V. Barrett (pgs. 13-14)**

4. Jesus warns His religious audience of two things: 1) Beware of seeking your own glory 2) Beware of trusting in head knowledge.
 - How are you tempted to be more concerned with human approval than with God's approval (John 5:44)?
 - How are you tempted to be trusting in your head knowledge of the Bible, possibly to the neglect of heart and life transformation that comes from worshipping God?

What do we see about Jesus?

The Father, John the Baptist, Jesus' mighty works, and the Scriptures all bear witness to the fact that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

Respond to the sermon:

- **Head:** What did you learn / what were you reminded about who Jesus is?
- **Heart:** What specific steps can you take to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?
- **Hands:** What ways can you live differently because of these truths?