Confirmed By Four: Testimonies Of Jesus As The Christ

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Text: John 5:33-47

### Intro

1. Jesus cited 4 testimonies as evidence in John 5 to prove that He is the Christ:
   1. John the Baptist (John 5:33-35)
   2. Jesus’ miracles (John 5:36; also Jn. 3:2)
   3. God the Father (John 5:37-38)
   4. The Scriptures (John 5:39-40, 45-47: Moses testified about Him too!)
2. In spite of all this evidence, many of the Jews refused to come to Jesus.
   1. They didn’t have love for God but for men (Jn. 5:41-43; 12:42-43)
   2. They cherished the glory of man over the glory of God (Jn. 5:44)
   3. They hoped in the wrong man – Moses (Jn. 5:45-47)
3. Two opposite attitudes are evident in this passage:
   1. A willing Savior who offers Himself as a sacrifice and then offers life eternal.
   2. Stubborn and rebellious people who let the invitation of Christ fall on deaf ears.
4. In light of the evidence to who Jesus is, do you reject or accept Him?

#### John the Baptist

* 1. John 5:33-35:
     1. *Jn. 1:19-29*: The Jews sent to John to confirm who he was – he affirmed he was not the Christ but told them the Christ (Messiah) was coming after him!
     2. When Jesus came to the Jordan John pointed Him out and declared, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
  2. Mt. 11:2-6
     1. While John was imprisoned he sent his disciples to confirm who Jesus was.
     2. Jesus tells John’s disciples to report what they heard! (Is. 42:6-7; 61:1)
  3. John the Baptist repeatedly told the Jews to repent for the kingdom of Heaven was at hand!
     1. Mt. 3:1-2, 8: He preached the kingdom was coming!
     2. Mt. 3:7, 10, 12: He warned the judgment was coming!
     3. Mt. 3:11-12: He foretold Jesus’ coming and said He would come with judgment (Mt. 21:43: Kingdom removed from Jews)
  4. John the Baptist told the Jews who Jesus was and what He came to do – They were without excuse!

#### Jesus’ Miracles

* 1. John 5:36 (3:2):
     1. Miracles confirmed Jesus was who He said He was! (Jn. 3:2; 9:29-33)
     2. Miracles cause man to believe in Jesus (Jn. 20:30-31; 21:25; *11:45-48; 12:11)*
     3. Miracles confirm the Word
        1. Spiritual gifts were to confirm the Word – Mk. 16:17-20
        2. The Word has been confirmed by miracles– Heb. 2:1-4
  2. Miracles demonstrated Jesus’ power and authority – They were without excuse!

#### God the Father

* 1. John 5:37-38:
     1. God’s testimony at time of Christ’s baptism
        1. Mt. 3:16-17: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well- pleased.”
     2. God’s testimony on Mt. Of Transfiguration
        1. Mt. 17:1-8: (Vs. 5) “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” *(II Pet. 1:17-18)*
     3. God’s testimony during Christ’s last public discourse in Jerusalem
        1. Jn. 12:28: “Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”
     4. God’s audible voice was heard by men three times while Christ was on earth!
  2. Jesus is the final say and authority for man’s purpose and destiny
     1. Heb. 1:1-2
        1. God spoke “to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways.”
        2. God has spoken “to us in His Son.”
     2. Jesus spoke for all mankind of every time period – Jn. 12:48; Acts 17:30-31
        1. All men have sinned so need salvation – Rom. 3:23; 6:23
        2. One cannot learn of salvation from Isaiah and Jeremiah.
        3. Christ has the “words of eternal life” – Jn. 6:68 (Jn. 16:13: Sent Holy Spirit)
        4. Christ makes men complete – Col. 2:9-10
  3. Over and over God the Father confirmed who Jesus was and what He came to do – They were without excuse!

#### The Scriptures

* 1. John 5:39-40, 45-47:
     1. The Scriptures from Gen. 3:15 onward pointed to Christ!
     2. John the Baptist came pointing the way to Him! (Lk. 1:17, *67-80)*
  2. Heb. 1:1-2
     1. The prophets spoke long ago, and now the Son has spoken, with emphasis on the importance of the Son’s word.
     2. The prophets were “holy men of God” – II Pet. 1:20-21 (Spoke for God as He directed)
     3. Their message was in “in many ways” (NKJV: “different ways” – Heb. 1:1)
     4. Their message looked toward the coming of “The Prophet” – Acts 3:22-24
  3. The Scriptures confirmed who Christ was and were being fulfilled! (Lk. 4:21)
     1. Mt. 2:1-6: The wise men from the East knew from Scripture that the King was born and came to worship to Him! (The Jews didn’t seem to care!)
     2. Lk. 16:27-31: Scriptures (Moses & Prophets) were powerful enough to prevent the rich man’s five brothers from going to the place of torment.
     3. Lk. 24:44-48: The Scriptures pointed to Christ – He fulfilled them!
  4. The Scriptures told Who Christ was and His mission – They were without excuse!

## Conclusion

1. Christ’s blood “speaks better than the blood of Abel” (Heb. 12:24) and speaks of:
   1. God’s love for mankind
   2. The sinfulness of mankind
   3. The inability (helplessness) of mankind to save itself from sin
2. Mankind is to “not refuse Him who is speaking!” (Heb. 12:25)
3. There are many reasons why a person will refuse to listen to Christ – #1 is lack of love!
   1. Jn. 5:42: They did not love God enough to believe the Scriptures!
   2. Jn. 14:23-24; I Jn. 5:3: Those who do not obey Christ do not truly love God.
4. Despite all the evidence of Jesus being the Christ and Son of God *(John the Baptist, Miracles, God the Father, Scriptures),* the Jews rejected Him, and many today continue to do so!
   1. Those who refuse to come to Christ, even when they know the truth, are (like the Jews) without excuse!
   2. Jn. 12:48: Those who reject Him will be held accountable to His word!
5. With Jesus confirmed by these four testimonies, let us obey Him as Christ and Lord!
6. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent of your sins and be baptized!
7. If a Christian in error, remember your 1st love. Repent and be renewed!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!