

Study Guide for July 20th, 2008. Objection Denied! John 5:31-40

Introduction: What are some common objections people make who reject the claim that Jesus is the Savior of the world? What witnesses helped you overcome your objections?

I. Another Witness: John 5:31-32.

- A. Why is self testimony of questionable validity? (see also Deut. 19:15)
- B. Who does Jesus mean when he speaks of **another witness** with valid testimony?
- C. How do we know that God was revealing himself through Jesus?

II. The Witness of John: John 5:33-35.

- A. How did John testify to the truth? (read John 1:19-27)
- B. By saying that he does not accept human testimony (vs. 34), is Jesus discounting the witness given by John? Why was it essential for these hearers to be saved?
- C. What image did Jesus use to describe John's witness? How did the Jews respond?

III. The Witness of Jesus' Works: John 5:36.

- A. According to Jesus, what provides weightier testimony than John's witness?
- B. According to Jesus (vs. 36), what conclusion should be drawn from the miracles Jesus performed?
- C. What works helped convince you that Jesus was indeed sent by the Father?

IV. The Witness of the Father: John 5:37-38.

- A. Whose testimony is most important in validating Jesus' identity? (vs. 37)
- B. Delineate the indictment Jesus makes against his Jewish opponents in vs. 37-38.
 - 1) You have _____ heard his _____ .
 - 2) Nor (have you) _____ his _____ .
 - 3) Nor does his _____ dwell in you,
- C. On what basis does Jesus make the above indictment? (vs. 38b)

V. The Witness of the Scriptures: John 5:39-40

- A. Why did Jesus' Jewish opponents think they possessed eternal life?
- B. What, according to Jesus (vs. 40), is the key to finding true life?
- C. How are people today in danger of the same issues Jesus raises in this text?