

THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN

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Introduction

John 21²⁴This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

John 20³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these [signs done in the presence of His disciples] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 2¹¹This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

John 4⁵⁴This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

1. John the Baptist as Witness 1

A. 1⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

B. 1¹⁵John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ “

C. 1¹⁹Now this is the testimony of John, when the Judeans sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

D. 1³²And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.... ³⁴And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

2. Christ and Testimony 1

E. 2²⁵ and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

F. 3¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

Why does He say *we* in this passage?

3. John the Baptist as Witness 2

G. 3²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified -- behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!” ...²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before Him.’ ...³² And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.³³ He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

4. The Samaritan Woman as Witness

H. 4³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.”

5. Christ and Testimony 2

I. 4⁴⁴ For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

J. 5³¹ If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.³² There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.³³ You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.³⁴ Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved....³⁶ But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish -- the very works that I do -- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.³⁷ And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form....³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

5. Christ and Testimony 2 (CONTINUED)

K. 7⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.

L. 8¹³The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.” 14Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. 17It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. 18I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.

M. 10²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.

6. Judeans who Testified

N. 12¹⁷Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

7. Christ and Testimony 3

O. 13²¹When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”

8. Testimony of the Holy Spirit

P. 15²⁶But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

9. Testimony of the Disciples

Q. 15²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

10. Challenge to the High Priest to Testify

R. 18²³ Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?”

11. Christ and Testimony 4

S. 18³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

12. Testimony of John

T. 19³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

U. 21²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

Conclusion: The Testimony of John