

A Testimony For The Ages!

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Text: John 5:31-47

Passage Summary: As we survey the life and ministry of Jesus, we discover that there are points along the way when His popularity will begin to give way to persecution!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that Jesus is on a mission to engage the culture of His day with the life changing power of the gospel! (5:31-47)

"For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God." John 5:18

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the life changing power of the gospel, Jesus moves purposefully to ...

Offer the gift of eternal life to all He comes into contact with, even • those who persecute and oppose Him! (v.31-47)

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." John 5:24

See how Jesus as the Word of Life moves in perfect union with His Heavenly Father to offer the gift of eternal life: He...

Establishes the witness of His ______to validate His testimony! (v.31-32, 37-38)

"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid." John 5:31-32

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"You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth...John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light." John 5:33, 35

Establishes the witness of the ______ His _____ has given Him to do to validate His testimony! (v.36)

"I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me."

John 5:36

Establishes the witness of ______to validate His testimony! (v.39-47)

"You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life." John 5:39-40

Remember: When it comes to the power of the gospel, it is grounded in a very clear and multi layered that is overwhelmingly to the humble heart that is willing to set aside pride and presuppositions, and simply come to Jesus to be saved!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to discover that in Christ, through Christ, you too have a ______ for the _____; like the psalmist, find refuge in the rock that is higher than you, and then make it your aim to tell the story of your salvation, realizing your sufficiency is in Christ!

"From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I." **Psalm 61:2**

"Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God."

2 Corinthians 3:4-5