

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"God As My Witness"
John 5:33-47
Part-17**

The term **"Smoke and Mirrors"** – "the obscuring or embellishing of the truth of a situation with misleading or irrelevant information."

Public Ministry: (3 years) John 1:19-12:50

Theme Of John – "Jesus: God And Savior"

Thought Of Our Passage: "Failing To Come To Salvation May Not Be Because One Is Not Able To Believe But Unwilling To Believe."

- 1. Verses 33-35 – The Witness of John**
- 2. Verse 36 – The Witness of Works**
- 3. Verses 37-38 – The Witness of The Father**
- 4. Verses 39-47 – The Witness of Scripture**

1. Verses 33-35 – The Witness of John:

John 5:33

Context: John 5:1-16 – Jesus' Challenge To The Helpless Man.

John 5:17-47 – Jesus' Challenge To The Helpless Men (Spiritually).

John 5:25-32 – "Offers Spiritual Life To The Spiritually Dead, A Resurrection Of Life Or Resurrection Of Judgment", John 5:32.

"You have sent to John," – The religious sought John out, John 1:19-27.

The ministry of John was powerful. First prophet in 400 years, Last Prophet of the OT!

John the Baptist had made 4 claims about Jesus:

- 1. John Announced Jesus To Be The Long-Predicted Messiah:**
John quoted the words of Isaiah, John 1:23.
- 2. John Announced Jesus To Be The Lamb of God:** John 1:29.

3. John Announced Jesus To Be The Baptizer With The Holy Spirit: John 1:33.

4. John Declared Jesus To Be The Son of God: John 1:34.

“and he has testified to the truth.” – Matthew 14:5; 21:26.

John 5:34-35

“He was the lamp” – “portable oil lamp” that was burning and was shining; John was not the light, he was a lamp.

John 3:19

2. Verse 36 – The Witness of Works:

John 5:36

“But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John;” – John 10:41

Luke 7:28

“for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish” – Jesus performed 37 miracles recorded in Scripture. John 7:31

Acts 2:22

7 Signs in the Gospel of John – These speak of the sinner coming to God and the results of salvation:

The Sinner Coming to God:

- 1. Water to wine** – (Saved by the Word of God) Washing of the water by the Word.
- 2. Healing of the Nobleman’s son** – (Salvation by Faith) Jesus spoke, the man believed.
- 3. Healing at pool of Bethesda** – (Was a healing by Grace) Jesus chose this man out of the multitude.

The Results of Salvation:

- 4. The feeding of the 5000** – Salvation brings Satisfaction.

5. The calming of the storm – Salvation brings Peace.

6. Healing of the blind man – Salvation brings Light.

7. The raising of Lazarus – Salvation brings Life.

Miracles Authenticated The Message Of Jesus: "the very works that I do—
testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me."

3. Verses 37-38 – The Witness of The Father:

John 5:37

"And the Father who sent Me," – Equal with God, John 5:18.

The Father spoke audibly 3X from heaven: 1) Baptism of Jesus, Matthew 3:17; 2) Transfiguration, Matthew 17:5; 3) Preparation for The Cross, John 12:28.

John 14:9

1 John 5:9-10

John 5:38

4. Verses 39-47 – The Witness of Scripture:

John 5:39

"Search" – The word can be translated as a Command or as a Statement; as a command, "Go ahead, search the Scriptures!" "Search" – speaks of "a lion or a hound seeking out a scent."

"because you think that in them you have eternal life;" – The exercise of study and searching of the Scriptures is the criteria to merit eternal life!

1 Corinthians 8:1

Luke 24:27

The Bible is the window by which we can see the reality of Jesus Christ!

Verses 40-43 – Religious Were Unwilling To Receive Jesus' Truth:
John 5:40

“and you are unwilling to come to Me,” – Crisis of Will.

“you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.” – The problem is the will. Should be translated, “Yet you will not to come to me, You choose not to come to me that you may have life.”

John 14:6

John 5:41 – Jesus sought the Father’s will.

John 5:42 – Literally “You do not love God in yourselves”; “religious sought daily to sacrifice their love of God for the admiration of people.”

Matthew 15:8-9

John 5:43

Verses 43-44 – The Religious Were Proud: “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me;”

“if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.” – The man who rejects the truth will embrace a lie!

Jesus Gives A Prophecy Of Israel Receiving The Antichrist: Antichrist would be accepted by the Jews, Daniel 9:27; Revelation 13.

John 5:44

Wanting Human Praise Above God’s Glory: “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another,” – Romans 10:3.

“and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?” – “How can I be glorified as your Lord, when you are seeking glory?”

John 5:45

Law was given to reveal man’s sinfulness and the utter inability to save himself. Galatians 3:24

John 5:46

Deuteronomy 18:15

John 5:47

Application:

1. Failing To Come To Salvation May Not Be Because One Is Not Able To Believe But Unwilling To Believe.
2. Not Every Debate About Spiritual Matters Is Prompted By Curiosity. Many Times It Is A Ruse Of Rebellion. Some Just Want To Challenge The Truth. Genuine People Listen Rather Than Argue.
3. We Need To Study The Bible Willfully, Humbly And Obediently. Information Alone Won't Save You.