

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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THE FIVEFOLD WITNESS

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Have you ever tried to prove yourself to people and they would not believe you? How frustrating was it? Now friend, imagine yourself being Jesus who the Jews rejected as being the Son of God, their true Messiah. Let's examine the scriptures in John 5:31-47 and see why truly Jesus is the true Messiah.

The First Witness: The Father Bore Witness Of Jesus.

In John 5:32, Jesus reveals that another bears witness of Him which is true. This took place in Matthew 3:16-17 which says, “*The heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased...”*” God made this known to John to establish that Jesus was the true Messiah.

The Second Witness: John The Baptist Bore Witness Of Jesus. In Matthew 3:11 John says, “*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize*

you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Friend, to whom do you think John was referring when he said one was to come mightier after him? Jesus Christ the Son of God! Also in John 1:29 John says, “*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*” Not only does John describe Jesus as the Lamb of God, but reveals the purpose of His coming into the world. Through Him we can have the remission of sins.

The Third Witness: Through Miracles, Signs, Wonders Bore Witness Of Jesus. In Acts 2:22 Peter says, “*Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to you by miracles, signs, and wonders which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.*” What miracles did Jesus do? He healed the sick, raised the dead. Jesus walked on water and even feed five thousand. How many men today can do these miracles? None! Only through divine power could Jesus have performed these events. They came from the Father to bear witness that He sent Jesus.

The Fourth Witness: The Scriptures Bore Witness Of Je-

sus. In Isaiah 53:7 Isaiah says, “*He was led as a lamb to the slaughter...*” Who was this lamb to which Isaiah is referring? Jesus Christ. He was led up on Calvary's cross to take away the sins of the world. He was that perfect lamb.

The Fifth Witness: Moses Spoke Concerning Jesus. In John 5:45-47 Jesus is telling the Jews of Moses whom they have trusted wrote concerning Him. In Deut. 18:15 Moses says, “*The Lord your God will raise up for you Prophet like me from your midst, from the brethren. Him you shall hear.*” This Prophet is the Son of God whom we should hear and obey today. There will be none who will come after Him (Heb. 1:1-2).

This is more than enough proof to show Jesus Christ as the true Messiah. The miracles He had performed, the eye witness of John who declared Him to be the Son of God, the scriptures that testified of Him and Moses who spoke concerning the coming of Christ. Have you today confessed Jesus Christ.