

Calvary Chapel Viewpoint

H.I.S. Men

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Jesus, Son of God

John 5:24–47 (ESV)

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice

²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

³⁰ “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

³¹ If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.

³² There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.

³³ You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

³⁴ Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

³⁶ But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.

³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen,

³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.

³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

⁴¹ I do not receive glory from people.

⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.

⁴³ 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.

⁴⁴ How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

The controversy in the first half of this chapter results in Jesus further clarifying His relationship to His Father. He refutes His enemies’ charge that He is not equal with God the Father. This is the most thorough statement of Jesus’ unity with the Father in the Gospels.

In verses 24-30, Jesus spells out the practical implications of His being the Son of God.

What does it mean in verse 24 when it says “Whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life”?

Verse 26 Why is Jesus having life in Himself significant?

Verse 27 Why has God given the Son authority to judge?

What are the points Jesus is making in verses 28-30?

Our Lord knows what His opponents are thinking and so at the outset of His testimony He informs them He knows they will not accept His testimony alone. Why is that?

Jesus proceeded to cite four witnesses to His identity. Picture Jesus in a courtroom. He is defending himself rationally and logically.

Four Witnesses:

Who is the witness in verses 33-35?

John 5:33–35 (ESV)

³³ **You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.**

³⁴ **Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.**

³⁵ **He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.**

Who is the witness in verse 36?

John 5:36 (ESV)

³⁶ **But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.**

Who is the witness in verses 37-38?

John 5:37–38 (ESV)

³⁷ **And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen,**

³⁸ **and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.**

Who is the witness in verse 39?

John 5:39 (ESV)

³⁹ **You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,**

In this teaching, Jesus claims that the Old Testament Scriptures are from God and are fulfilled in Him, that the unbelieving Jews have perverted the Old Testament and misunderstood it (just as many do today), and that the Old Testament itself will accuse those who refuse to believe in it.

How does the Lord's tone change in verse 37?

The reasons for their unbelief.

Verses 40-41 Reason for unbelief?

John 5:40–41 (ESV)

⁴⁰ **yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.**

⁴¹ **I do not receive glory from people.**

Verse 42 Reason for unbelief?

John 5:42 (ESV)

⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.

Verse 43 Reason for unbelief?

John 5:43 (ESV)

⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

How did they reject the testimony of (the Father) through Moses?

For he wrote about Me. Where did Moses write about Jesus?

Christ is a "blind spot" for the Jews, and yet He is both the central figure and the key to the Old Testament Scriptures. Because the Jews are blind to Christ, they read the Old Testament as though a veil were over their faces. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ is that veil removed. Then the Scriptures become clear, and the glory of the Lord is revealed, transforming those who believe into His image.

Application: What barriers do you experience—or see those around you experience—that inhibits surrender to God?
