



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

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They All Point to Jesus

Bible Reading: John 5:31-47

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John 5:31-47

31“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true.**32**There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony he gives about me is true.**33**You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth.**34**I don’t receive human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved.**35**John was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.**36**“But I have a greater testimony than John’s because of the works that the Father has given me to accomplish. These very works I am doing testify about me that the Father has sent me.**37**The Father who sent me has himself testified about me. You have not heard his voice at any time, and you haven’t seen his form.**38****You don’t have his word residing in you, because you don’t believe the one he sent.****39****You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me.****40****But you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life....****45**Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope.**46****For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me.****47**But if you don’t believe what he wrote, how will you believe my words?”

I. The Witnesses that point to Jesus

- A. God, the Father – vv. 32, 37
- B. John the Baptist – vv. 33-35
- C. The works that Jesus did – v. 36
- D. The scriptures – v. 39

II. Seeing Jesus in Scripture

- A. The purpose of scripture is to point us to Jesus
- B. The proper way to read scripture

- C. Seeing Jesus in Scripture requires belief
 1. The Jewish leaders didn't see because they didn't believe – 5:38
 2. The history of Israel is a history of unbelief

III. Examples of Jesus in Scripture

- A. In definite prophecies
 1. The seed of the woman – Gen. 3:15
 2. A prophet like Moses will be raised up – Deut. 18:15
 3. A virgin will conceive and bear a son, Immanuel – Isa. 7:14
- B. In NT fulfillment of OT
 1. The Son of Man lifted up as the serpent in the wilderness was lifted up – John 3:14-15 Num. 21:8-9
 2. The unbelief of people – John 12:36-39; Isa. 53:1; 6:10
 3. The world hating Jesus – John 15:25; Psa. 69:4
 4. Judas' betrayal – John 13:18; 17:12; Psa. 41:9
 5. Casting lot for his clothing – John 19:24; Psa. 22:18
 6. No bone broken – John 19:36; Exo. 12:46
- C. In typology
 1. Abraham – in him all nations would be blessed – Gen. 12:3
 2. The offering of Isaac – a type of Christ as the only son of God being offered – Gen. 22:1-2
 3. The Passover lamb – Exo. 12; John 1:29, 36
 4. Manna – bread from heaven Exo. 16; John 6:35 (John 6 – feeding the 5000)
 5. Jonah – Luke 11:30
- D. In general OT figures
 1. Moses wrote about Jesus
 2. The Temple
 3. Joseph
 - a. Sold into slavery and betrayed
 - b. Eventually second in command in Israel
 - c. Savior of God's people
 - d. Should not be read in a moralistic way
 4. David
 - a. David defeating Goliath
 - b. Representing Israel, defeating Satan for us
 - c. David is not our model but an example of Christ fighting for us

IV. Eternal life is found only in Jesus Christ

- A. Knowledge and study of scripture are the means not the end
- B. "Only way to have our heart changed is to see Jesus" Tim Keller, *The OT is about Jesus*, YouTube
- C. Life comes only through a personal relationship with Jesus
- D. Where are you spending your time?