

The Credentials of Jesus

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I. Introduction. Text: John 5:31-47.

II. The witnesses that back up Jesus' claims to His identity.

A. We need corroborative evidence.

B. The inner consciousness of Jesus was a witness to Him.

C. John the Baptist was a witness to Jesus.

1. Jesus is the Lamb of God who gives the riches of Christ.

2. Jesus is the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit.

3. Jesus is the Son of God.

4. John was a shining witness to the light.

D. The great witness to Jesus is the Father Himself.

1. The witness is given in the miraculous works Jesus did.

2. The Father's unseen voice and form witness to Jesus, which refers to the inner conviction by the Holy Spirit in a human's heart that he is listening to the truth.

3. The Father witnesses to Jesus through the Scripture.

III. People do not come to Jesus despite of these witnesses because of the problem of the will.

A. Ambition is the deadly enemy of the truth.

B. The excuses that we make will become what accuse us.

C. This message forces us to look at our life in light of reality—whom will we serve?

Application questions:

1. Who does John tell us Jesus is? What does each of these titles mean?

2. In what ways does the Father witness?

3. Is the problem of unbelief usually a matter of too little information? Explain.
