

The Gospel Of John

ICEBREAKER

What is the craziest thing you have witnessed? Did you find someone immediately so that you could tell others about it? Share about your experience.

CONTEXT

So far, Jesus identified himself as Lord over the Sabbath, Lord over all, the Son of God, one with the Father, God himself, worthy of equal honor with God, the Son of Man, and capable of giving eternal life. In this passage, Jesus presents the evidence to support those claims through four witnesses.

PASSAGE

John 5:31-47

DISCUSS

What are some characteristics of a reliable witness? What do you need to know to believe their testimony? Do you need more than one witness to believe their testimony? Why?

Jesus acknowledges that they will not accept His testimony about himself and offers other evidence to prove He is the Messiah. What does this tell us about Jesus?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

Jesus identifies four witnesses that testify of His deity. Who are the four witnesses? Which of these did Jesus use to testify of himself to you? Share about your experience.

After everything Jesus had done and the miracles He performed, why do you think his testifying about himself wouldn't be sufficient for the religious leaders? How does this help us understand people's perception of Jesus today?

How does Jesus respond to the lack of belief from the religious leaders? What does it mean that Moses will be their accuser?

NEXT STEPS

The religious leaders were willing to accept other "messiahs" that had come before in their name but rejected Jesus, who came in the name of the Father. They were willing to accept impostor messiahs. We do this today as well, sometimes intentionally, sometimes unintentionally.

What are some of your "imposter messiahs"? What is one thing you can do this week to break free and trust Jesus more fully?