

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved

Study Notes

Chapter 5 PT. 3: Testimony of John the Baptist

John 5:33-47

Verses 33-34

John 5:33-34 (NASB) – “³³ You have sent *messengers* to John, and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ But the testimony I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.”

Understanding: We as Believers must get it in our minds what a privilege we have been given to be witnesses of Christ Jesus.

- Jesus is letting the religious leaders know that John the Baptist was sent ahead of Him to be His witness in the earth.
- Jesus was letting them know, when He speaks, He is not boasting in Himself; their souls are His priority.

Matthew 3:17 (NASB) – “¹⁷ and behold, a voice from the heavens said, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”



Key: Jesus has never needed anyone to testify of Him. John received the confirmation of who Jesus was from the Father! We have been given a great opportunity to join in with Heaven and proclaim: the Messiah and Savior has come!

Verse 35

John 5:35 (NASB) – “³⁵ He was the lamp that was burning and shining, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.”



- Yeshua talks very highly about John.
- Yeshua compares the testimony of John with that of a “lamp burning and shining bright”!
- He states that even the Religious Leaders were willing to rejoice in his light for a while.
- The People respected him and honored him, but it would not last long.

Nothing Can Top Works As A Testimony:

Verse 36

John 5:36 (NASB) – “³⁶ But the testimony I have is greater than *the testimony* of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.”

Note: Jesus was in no way downplaying the ministry of John the Baptist; He is stating that John the Baptist stayed on mission.



- John the Baptist was sent into the world to be a voice (**A Witness**) testifying of His coming. He did his assignment so well that Jesus gave him honor in the Scriptures.

Matthew 11:11 (AMP) – “¹¹ I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, among those born of women there has not risen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist...”

- Jesus clarifies by stating His Father has given Him “**Works**” to accomplish.
- Jesus states, it will be by His works that you will know **His Identity!**

Testimony of the Father

Verse 37

John 5:37 (NASB) – “³⁷ And the Father who sent Me, He has testified about Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.”

Key: Remember the Father is pleased to confirm the identity of His Son Jesus.

Beloved-(Hebrew)-*ahab*-To Desire, to Breathe After, to have affection towards.

Beloved-(Greek)-*agapētós*-beloved, esteemed, dear, favorite, worthy of love.



- Father states emphatically; “This is My Beloved Son”. (**Matthew 3:17**)
- When Father sends anyone, He will bear witness of them.
- Where He gives a commission, He will not fail to seal it.
- Where G-d demands belief, He will not fail to give sufficient *evidence*, as He has done concerning Christ.

Jesus Points Out The Painful Truth

Verse 38

John 5:38 (NASB) – “Also, you do not have His word remaining in you, because you do not believe Him whom He sent.”



- Yeshua is stating here, “You have the Word among you, but not in you”!
- They had the Word of G-d committed to them, but not commanding them.
- They were stewards of the Word but not lovers of the Word.
- Without belief in Jesus, the Word will not hold!

Testimony of Scripture

Verses 39-40

John 5:39-40 (NASB) – “³⁹ You examine the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is those *very Scriptures* that testify about Me; ⁴⁰ and *yet* you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.”

Note: Without Jesus being your Savior; you can learn all the Scriptures and be able to quote them from memory, and **still** die in your sins and trespasses. The Apostle Paul taught Timothy this very truth and how this is what it would be like in the Last Days. (**2 Timothy 3:1-7**)

Difficult Times Will Come

2 Timothy 3:1-7 (NASB) – “¹ But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid *such people as* these. ⁶ For among them are those who slip into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, ⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”



Verses 41-42

John 5:41-42 (NASB) – “⁴¹ I do not receive glory from people; ⁴² but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.”

- Jesus never boasted in Himself; He did boast in His identity as the Son of G-d!
- Jesus did not sugar coat what He knew of these Jews and their hearts’ motives.

Verse 43

John 5:43 (NASB) – “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.”

Question: Why is it that we get so excited about great speakers and leaders but not the name of Jesus/Yeshua Ha Mashiach?

Answer: We are in the last Days! Scripture cannot fail! “For people **will be** lovers of self...” (2 Timothy 3:2)

Verse 44

John 5:44 (NASB) – “⁴⁴ How can you believe, when you accept glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and only* God?”

- Compromise has overtaken a true Relationship with Father.
- People want followers more than G-d.
- People want fame and fortune more than G-d.
- People want to be seen of men (go viral) more than be holy **because our Father is holy.**



Verse 45

John 5:45 (NASB) – “⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have put your hope.”

Note: The Jews had a great reverence for Moses. The Jews valued themselves upon their being the *disciples* of Moses, and pretended to adhere to Moses, in their opposition to Christ. The Torah and the Writings were highly respected.

Note: But Jesus shows them that even Moses was a witness against any unbelieving Jew! They could **never** keep the Law that they reverence and esteem so much above Christ Himself!



Exodus 32:19-20 (NASB) – “¹⁹ And it came about, as soon as Moses approached the camp, that he saw the calf and *the people* dancing; and Moses’ anger burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ Then he took the calf which they had made and completely burned *it* with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water and made the sons of Israel drink *it*.”

Verses 46-47

John 5:46-47 (NASB) – “⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Key: Never forget: Jesus knows the heart of men! A heart truly for Father will do His Work. When Jesus occupies your heart, you **will** finish your mission as well!

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