



JESUS ON TRIAL

John 5:31-47

Sunday, September 26, 2021 AVBC 10:30

Never convict anyone of a crime on the testimony of just one witness. The facts of the case must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. (Deuteronomy 19:15)

Do not listen to complaints against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses to accuse him. (1 Timothy 5:19)

Witness #1- _____ the _____ (5:32-35)

-John 1:6-8, 15,19, 29,30, 32-34

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of the light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. (John 3:19, 20)

Witness #2- The _____ of Jesus (5:36)

-John 3:1, 2; 10:22-26

Witness #3 The _____ (5:37,38)

-John 1:1, 14

Witness #4 The _____ (5:39-47)

WARNING: You can know the _____ word and yet fail to connect with the _____ Word, Jesus.

Acts 1:6-8

- When you are a witness for Jesus you are _____.
- When you are a witness for Jesus the people _____ are _____.

This one (Jesus) who is life from God was shown to us, and we have seen Him. And now we testify and announce to you that He is the one who is eternal life...we are telling you about what we have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:2a, 3)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Have you ever participated in or witnessed an actual court case? What was it like? How did the judge handle the lawyers and accused? What emotions did it create inside of you?

Q2: John the Baptist was initially very popular even with the religious leaders of his day. But then, he fell into disfavour and ultimately lost his life because of his witness for Jesus. What other biblical examples can you think of that illustrates the fickleness of the "popularity crowd"? What should we learn from such examples?

Q3: Jesus points to his "works" as a credible witness to authenticate who He claimed to be. What particular miracle or teaching of Jesus affirms in your heart that He truly is the Son of God? What is it about that particular passage that impacts your decision so powerfully?

Q4: Read Acts 1:1-8. What does this passage teach us about what is required for us to be witnesses for Jesus today?

Q5: Pastor David said that when you are a witness for Christ you are strengthened and people are touched. Have you seen that to be true in your life? If so, how? How has another person's testimony strengthened your walk with the Lord?

Q6: Read Hebrews 12:1-3. Verse 1 talks about a "great cloud of witnesses". Who is that a reference to? How were the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 a "witness" for the Lord? According to vs 1-3, how should their example inspire and motivate us?

Q7: If you were accused of being a follower of Jesus, would there be enough evidence to convict you? What could you say or do to be a more effective witness for Jesus today?