

LW – Will Leonard from CCK

2W – Jesus defends his actions of healing/Sabbath, saw Equality w/God/Father - Marvel

The Four Fold Witness of Jesus

John 5:31–47

The Witness of John the Baptist

31 “If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. **32** There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. **33** You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. **34** Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. **35** He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

* If you don’t listen to Jesus’ witness of Himself – listen to John/Baptist

John 1:5-17 – Who was John the Baptist?

What did he say?

John 1:19-24 – I am not the Christ...I am the voice of one crying/wilderness/Isaiah spoke of!

John 1:29 - The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:34 - And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

John 3:31 - He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

John 3:36 - He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Respond – We can be witnesses of Jesus when we do not point people to us/religion – Jesus!

The Witness of the Works of Jesus

36 But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

The works/signs of Jesus:

1) **John 2:1-12** – Miracle of turning water into wine – V11 The beginning of signs

2) **John 4:46-54** – Miracle of healing the Nobleman’s son – V54 Second sign

Respond – We can be witnesses when we tell people the miraculous things Jesus has, can, will do!

Mark 5:19 - However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”

The Witness of the Father

37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

* **Hebrews 1:1-9** – The testimony of God the Father of God the Son

* **John 1:32-33** – Jesus’ Baptism – but doesn’t record the Father’s voice

* **Matthew 3:17** - And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Respond – We can be witnesses when we know/share God/Fathers testimony of Jesus!

The Witness of the Word & Moses

38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. **39** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **40** But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. **41** “I do not receive honor from men. **42** But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. **43** I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. **44** How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? **45** Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. **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?”

* Jesus said they did not have his word abiding in them – because they did not believe OT

* You have them, read them, know them, you say you believe in them, you think you have eternal life...

* But you don’t believe them, because you don’t believe what they say!

* They did not believe Moses –

Deuteronomy 18:15–18 (NKJV) — **15** “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, **16** according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ **17** “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. **18** I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

Respond – We can be witnesses of Jesus when we have, know, believe and share the truth of His word!

We can have eternal life when we believe the Witness of:

1. John the Baptist
2. Works of Jesus
3. Words of God the Father
4. God’s written Word

John 20:30–31 (NKJV) — **30** And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.