

The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness Various Credible Witnesses and the Consequence of Rejection, John 5:30-40

The Queen of England Funeral tomorrow, Empress Zita Funeral in 1990

John 5:28-29 Do not be amazed at this; for a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come out: those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the bad deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

On what basis can Jesus Christ speak so boldly?

John 2:18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?"

Claim 1: Divine Identity Jesus Christ is the Son of God, equal with the Father in authority, purpose, revelation, honor, judgment and resurrection, John 5:17-24

Claim 2: Divine Purpose Jesus Christ came into the world as the revelation of God's character and to implement God's plan to bring judgment and to grant eternal life, in perfect unity with God the Father, John 5:25-29

Evidence to Support His Claims: Credible Witnesses These two claims, divine identity and divine purpose, are supported by a variety of credible witnesses, John 5:30-40

Reason Religious Leaders Reject the Claim, Purpose, and Evidence of Christ The religious leaders reject Jesus Christ despite the clear evidence to support His claims because they have no real love for God but are seeking their own glory, John 5:41-47

John 5:19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way.

John 5:30 I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

Deuteronomy 19:15 A single witness shall not rise up against a person regarding any wrongdoing or any sin that he commits; on the testimony of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

Christ's own testimony about Himself

John 5:31-32 "If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true. There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.

John's testimony about Christ

John 5:33-35 You have sent messengers to John, and he has testified to the truth. But the testimony I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was the lamp that was burning and shining, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

The Works Jesus Accomplishes

John 5:36 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.

The Father's Testimony

John 5:37-38 And the Father who sent Me, He has testified about Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. Also you do not have His word remaining in you, because you do not believe Him whom He sent.

The Testimony of the Scriptures

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