

John 5:31- 45

John 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. 32 There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid.

33 "You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. 34 Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. 35 John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. 36 "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, 38 nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. 39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life. 41 "I do not accept praise from men, 42 but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44 How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God? 45 "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set.

- 1) In verse 31, when would Jesus' testimony be invalid? Who is the other person who testifies about Jesus? What is Jesus saying here?

John 8:17 In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. John 8:18 I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

- 2) In verse 34, Why does Jesus say, "Not that I accept human testimony" when referring to John's message?
- 3) In verse 35, how was John a lamp? How did the people enjoy his light for a time?

What are some things that John said about Jesus?

- a. Jesus is the true Light (1:7)
- b. Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (1:29)
- c. Jesus is the Spirit-anointed Son of God. (1: 33-34)

- 4) In verse 36 & 37, what two things show that Jesus' testimony is weightier than that of John?
- 5) In verse 38, what was Jesus saying to these religious leaders? Who does God dwell in?
- 6) In verse 39, what is the purpose of the Bible? Can knowing the Bible give a person eternal life?
- 7) In verse 40, why didn't these religious leaders have eternal life?
- 8) What does verse 43 teach about man? What does verse 44 teach about man?
- 9) Why does Jesus say that Moses is their accuser? Do they believe in Moses? Who/What is our accuser?

John 6: 1-15

John 6:1 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), John 6:2 and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. John 6:3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. John 6:4 The Jewish Passover Feast was near. John 6:5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" John 6:6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. John 6:7 Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" John 6:8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, John 6:9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" John 6:10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. John 6:11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." John 6:13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. John 6:14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." John 6:15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

What does this event teach us about man?

What does this event teach us about Jesus Christ?

John 6:16-24

John 6:16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, John 6:17 where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. John 6:18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. John 6:19 When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. John 6:20 But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." John 6:21 Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. John 6:22 The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. John 6:23 Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. John 6:24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

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