

**Believing in God: Listening to His testimony and trusting in His Son  
(Jn 5.30-47; 02-28-21am)**

**Central thought:** True faith is when believing in God leads to belief in Jesus (42)

**I. A heart that is hardened against God: when the greatest witnesses are not good enough (30-39)**

A. Insufficient in quantity: 5 witnesses were not enough

1. Jesus self-testimony (3.11, 32; 4.26)
2. John the Baptist (33-35) (chaps 1 & 3)
3. Works of Jesus (36) (chaps 2 & 4; paralytic in chap 5)
4. God, the Father (37) (testifies through Jesus in Jn 1.14 & 18) (& testifies about Jesus in Matt 3 & 17)
5. The Scriptures (O.T.) (Moses in Deut 18)

B. Insufficient in quality: signs & testimonies & Scriptures were not enough

1. Jesus testified about Himself thru His teaching and His miracles
2. John the Baptist testified about Jesus thru his own preaching of the truth
3. Jesus' works testified about Him by highlighting His power & His authority over earthly things
4. God testified about Jesus by sending Jesus to reveal Himself to the world
5. O.T. Scriptures testified about Jesus from Genesis to Malachi

**II. The problem is not with the testimony; the problem is with the heart (40-47)**

1. To reject Jesus is to deprive your heart of the soul-saving power of Scripture (40-42)
2. To reject Jesus is to deprive your heart of the love that God pours out thru Jesus death on cross (42-43)
3. To reject Jesus is to deprive your heart of the glory that God bestows on all who come to Him (44)
4. To reject Jesus is to rob your heart of the hope of the gospel (45-47)



## **Applications**

1. Believe what God's word says about God's Son (30-39)
2. Always read God's word with an eye toward seeing how it reveals Jesus (39-47)

What God's word says about Jesus:

Jesus is the offspring of Eve & He is the child of Mary

Jesus is the I Am of Exodus & He is the I Am of John's Gospel

Jesus is the Tabernacle of Israel & He is the Temple of Heaven

Jesus is the Redeemer of Job & He is the slayer of Satan

Jesus is the Shepherd of Israel & He is the Lord of the Church

Jesus is the Root of Jesse & He is the Rider on a White Horse, whose name is Faithful & True

Jesus is the Lamb who was led to slaughter & He is the Lion of Judah

Jesus is the Suffering Servant and He is the Savior of sinners

Jesus is the Messiah of the O.T. & He is the Christ of the N.T.

Jesus is the Son of Man & He is the Son of God;