



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 5:38-47
From Sermon 9.3.23

Read *John 5:38-47*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Jesus gives His final discourse testimony in this section, following the healing of the lame man. Multiple witnesses have attested to His divinity and Lordship. The leaders (and all those religious) claim to love the law, love justice, and love God. But, in reality, they love sin and self. When Jesus calls them out for their hypocrisy, they hate Him more and further distort the Law of God.

1. From John 5, who has Jesus said will testify on His behalf on Judgement Day and also testify against His rejectors?

- God the Father
- The Works/Miracles of Jesus
- God the Holy Spirit
- John the Baptist

2. What 5th witness (really 5th & 6th) does Jesus promise in these key passages? The Scripture/the Law—Moses

3. Read the following passages. What are unique qualities and characteristics of the Scriptures that never apply to other books of religion?

- *Hebrews 4:12-13*—living, active, revealing, cutting, brings life and death, judges human hearts
- *2 Timothy 3:16-17*—It is God-breathed (inspired). Profitable and sufficient for all things needed in the Christian life.

4. Can you even be saved by the Law/strict observance? No. See also *Romans 3:20*

Why? The Law was never designed to save. It offered allowances for sin, only until Christ came to be the final substitutionary sin offering. It did nothing to change man's nature or deal with guilt.

5. The Jews continued to proclaim they believe, followed, and loved Moses. What did Jesus say about their relationship with Moses? It was a words-only relationship. The Law Moses wrote pointed to Jesus. If they don't believe Jesus, they really don't believe Moses. The same Jewish leaders added to the Law (which was against the Law) and will later neglect the Law to prosecute and execute Jesus. The same Moses and Law they thought vindicated and supported them will, one day, stand to indict them.

6. How does this correspond with the vast amount of nominal, holiday-only, no-evidence "Christians" of today? See *John 14:15* & *Galatians 5:22-23*. The evidence that someone is saved/loves Christ isn't in what we say, what we post, and what church we go to. It's proven in change—radical life change. Hating what the world offers and hungering for all that Christ is: Holiness, worship, fellowship, giving, serving...

7. A poor view of Scripture always gives a false understand of God and self. What other danger did Jesus point out in the key text? The inherent danger of deception. If someone comes along and affirms your false view of the world, of God and of you, you'll follow and glorify them. This is clearly seen throughout history and in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation—where the world runs after and embraces Antichrist who offers peace, answer, protection, and equity—backed by miraculous and wonders. See *Revelation 13:3-5*