



THE CONTROVERSY BEGINS
JESUS PUTS THE JEWS ON TRIAL
JOHN 5:31-47

Pastor Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - June 14, 2020

1. Embrace _____ (vv. 33-35) *31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. 32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"*
2. See _____ (v. 36)
3. Don't _____ (vv. 39-40, 45-47)
4. Seek _____ (vv. 32, 37-38, 41-44)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. As you think more about when you will stand before Jesus as judge, what from this message/passage helps you as you prepare for that day? What difference will it make in your life this week?
2. What are some things in our current time and culture that might get people interested in the message of Christianity without them necessarily embracing the central truths of that message? How will acknowledging this help you in your own life and as your share with others?
3. **Read Luke 24:25-27.** If you were to open up your Old Testament and use it to point people to Christ, what are some of the passages and themes you would go to?
4. **Read John 5:39.** As you have grown in your faith, how have the Scriptures helped you grow in your understanding of Christ and how has that helped you in your faith?
5. **Read John 5:44.** Think about the warning of this verse and your own heart and life. What are ways you personally need to guard your heart against seeking glory from men instead of from God?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Morgan, Christopher and Robert Peterson. *The Deity of Christ*. Crossway, 2011.

Piper, John. *Reading the Bible Supernaturally*. Crossway, 2017.

Varner, William. *The Messiah*. AuthorHouse, 2004.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that the message of the gospel would be central in our church and that we would boldly proclaim it!
 Pray that we would care more and more about what God thinks and less and less about the opinions of others.
 Continue to pray for God's protection over our church and its members as our society reopens.
 Pray for the other churches in our network that still have not been able to gather for worship services.
 Pray for thee Hurley family and their ministry as Uganda remains on ockdown.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
6/15/2020	1 Kings 13-14	Psalms 73 :16-22	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	Mark 15:33-47
6/16/2020	1 Kings 15-16	Psalms 73:23-28	2 Corinthians 5:10-21	Mark 16:1-11
6/17/2020	1 Kings 17-18	Psalms 74:1-8	2 Corinthians 6:1-18	Mark 16:12-20
6/18/2020	1 Kings 19	Psalms 74:9-17	2 Corinthians 7:1-16	Luke 1:1-25
6/19/2020	1 Kings 20-21	Psalms 74:18-23	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Luke 1:26-38
6/20/2020	1 Kings 22	Psalms 75	2 Corinthians 8:16-24	Luke 1:39-45