# AN ASCENDING LIST OF WITNESSES

## JOHN 5:31-38

1. **THE LORD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT PEOPLE IN HIS DAY TO BELIEVE HIS WORD ALONE (5:31)**
   1. He Was Not Confessing To A Falsehood
   2. He Was Acknowledging The Fact That Any Claim That Lacked Verifiable Proof Beyond What The Claimant Was Stating, Would In Fact Be An Invalid Claim
2. **THE LORD LAID OUT A LIST OF WITNESSES TO HIS CLAIMS THAT WENT FROM GREAT TO THE GREATEST (5:32-38)**
   1. A Great Witness: John The Baptist (5:32-35)  
      1. John The Baptist Was Given the Ministry Of Preparing People Toward The Reception Of God's Son, The Lord Jesus Christ (5:32-33)  
         1. He Told the Truth About Men
         2. He Told The Truth About Messiah
      2. The Lord's Own Knowledge Of Himself As The Son Of God Was Not Dependent On John's Verbal Testimony (5:34)
      3. The Effect Of John's Ministry On The People Was That Of A Burning And Shining Light (5:35)
   2. An Even Greater Witness: The Works Of The Lord Jesus Christ (5:36)  
      1. John's Ministry Was Limited To That Of A Verbal Witness
      2. The Lord's Works Were A Verification Of Supernatural Power
   3. The Greatest Witness: The Father Himself (5:37-38)