# THE SCRIPTURE'S WITNESS TO CHRIST

## JOHN 5:39-47

1. **THE SCRIPTURE'S TESTIMONY TO CHRIST COMES WITH A PREREQUISITE: IT HAS TO BE SEARCHED (5:39-40)**
   1. Regardless Of The Mood Of The Verb "Search" The Lord Was Surely Encouraging A Greater Probing Of Its Contents
   2. Men Do Not Become Skeptics Because They Study The Bible, But Because They Have Never Really Studied Its Claims In Any Depth  
      1. The Scripture, In Every Part, Testifies Of Christ (5:39)
      2. The Scriptures Were Mostly Disbelieved By That First Century Audience (5:40)
2. **THE LORD'S EXPLANATION OF THE DISBELIEVED TESTIMONY (5:41-44)**
   1. An Unspoken Assumption With Regard To Christ's Motive Was Pervasive In The Populace (5:41)
   2. A Loveless People Can Be Characterized By Poor Decisions (5:42-43)  
      1. They Had No Love For God Whatsoever (5:42)
      2. Should An Impostor Come With His Own Credentials, Him They Will Embrace (5:43)
   3. A Relentless Quest For The Approval Of Their Peers Was Far More Important To Them Than What God Might Think Of Them (5:44)
3. **THE SCRIPTURE'S TESTIMONY ITSELF WILL ACCUSE YOU IN THE END (5:45-47)**
   1. The Accuser Will Be Moses (5:45-46)
   2. No One Can Claim The N.T. While In The Same Breath He Denies The O.T. (5:47)