

AN ASCENDING LIST OF WITNESSES

JOHN 5:31-38

I. THE LORD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT PEOPLE IN HIS DAY TO BELIEVE HIS WORD ALONE (5:31)

- A. He Was Not Confessing To A Falsehood
- B. 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

II. THE LORD LAID OUT A LIST OF WITNESSES TO HIS CLAIMS THAT WENT FROM GREAT TO THE GREATEST (5:32-38)

- A. 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)
 - a. He Told the Truth About Men
 - b. 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)
- B. 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
- C. The Greatest Witness: The Father Himself (5:37-38)