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Our Testimony

John 5:31-46 ³¹If I testify about Myself, My testimony is not valid. ³²There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that His testimony about Me is valid. ³³You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴Even though I do not accept human testimony, I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you were willing for a season to bask in his light. ³⁶But I have testimony more substantial than that of John. For the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works I am doing—testify about Me that the Father has sent Me. ³⁷And the Father who sent Me has Himself testified about Me. You have never heard His voice nor seen His form, ³⁸nor does His word abide in you, because you do not believe the One He sent. ³⁹You pore over the Scriptures because you presume that by them you possess eternal life. These are the very words that testify about Me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to Me to have life. ⁴¹I do not accept glory from men, ⁴²but I know you, that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³I have come in My Father's name, and you have not received Me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴How can you believe if you accept glory from one another, yet do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, in whom you have put your hope. ⁴⁶If you had believed Moses, you would believe Me, because he wrote about Me. ⁴⁷But since you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Jesus avoided bragging about who He was. V.31
- B. John was a man sent from God who testified that Jesus was the Messiah. V. 32-35
- C. The miracles that Jesus was performing testified to Him being the Messiah. V.36
- D. God the Father has testified that Jesus is the Messiah through Scripture. V. 37-39
- E. Scripture cannot give us life, it only points us to the One who can. V. 39-40
- F. Jesus knew that the heart of mankind is lacking. V. 41-44
- G. Moses had many encounters with God the Son. V. 45 The being in the burning bush claims to be God. Jesus claims to be the being in the burning bush!

John 8:57-59 ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and You have seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸"Truly, truly, I tell you," Jesus declared, "before Abraham was born, I am!" ⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple area. (BSB)

The Rock that followed the Israelites around in the desert was Christ!

I Corinthians 10:1-4 ¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud, and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same

spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. (BSB)

H. We must believe that Jesus is who He says He is and to *follow* Him in everything.
V. 46

II. How does this affect us?

A. We must live to *honor* those who have taught us who Jesus Christ is.

B. Scripture has got to be our *guide* for what we believe and how we choose to live.

C. *Lifting* up Jesus Christ has got to be our primary goal in life.

D. Our love for others is our primary avenue for living out *our faith*. V.42