

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module VI – The Life of Christ**  
**Lesson 12 – The Second Passover in Jerusalem (Part 2)**

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I. The Divine Witness to Jesus' Authority

A. John 5:31-47 The "Witness" which confirms Jesus' identity and authority

1. A significant intention of John's Gospel was to provide a credible "witness"

a. Opening words: John 1:7-8,15

b. Eyewitness testimony: John 19:34-35; John 20:30-31; 1 John 1:1-3

2. The Law required two or three independent witnesses: Deut. 19:15

3. Condemnation of the Pharisees to Nicodemus -- John 3:11

B. Vs. 32-35 John the Baptist is the second witness:

C. Vs. 36-37 the miracles themselves provide a testimony from the Father (cf. John 3:2)

D. Vs. 38 They refused to believe even though the testimony met the legal threshold.

E. Vs. 39-40 The very scriptures that the Jews tried to use to condemn Jesus prophesied of Him.

1. The Sabbath command was the 'technicality' they sought to use

2. Even that testified of Jesus (Isaiah 9:6-7)

3. The problem was the WILL

F. Vs. 41-42 Jesus put His finger on the problem (love of the praise of men instead of God – Matt. 23:5-7)

G. Vs. 43 They will receive the false messiah (destruction of Jerusalem, Antichrist)

H. Vs. 44 Those who seek the praise of men cannot "believe"

I. Vss. 45-47 Moses accuses them:

1. Deut. 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-26