
5 witnesses of Jesus' identity

Here are the five testimonies about the identity of Jesus:

- John the Baptist (5:33-35)
- Jesus' works (5:36)
- God, the Father (5:37)
- Scriptures (5:39-40)
- Moses (5:45-47)

*John 5:31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid.³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid.³³ "You have sent to **John** and he **has testified to the truth**.³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.*

*³⁶ "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For **the very work** that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.*

*³⁷ And **the Father** who sent me **has** himself **testified concerning me**. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form,³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.*

*³⁹ You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These **are the Scriptures that testify about me**,⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts.⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.⁴⁴ How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?*

*⁴⁵ "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set.⁴⁶ If you believed **Moses**, you would believe me, for he **wrote about me**.⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"*

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The Life-Giving "Physician"

Portraits of Jesus – John 5

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Greece said . . .	Be wise, know yourself.
Rome said . . .	Be strong, discipline yourself.
Judaism says . . .	Be holy, conform yourself.
Epicureanism says . . .	Be sensuous, enjoy yourself.
Education says . . .	Be resourceful, expand yourself.
Psychology says . . .	Be confident, fulfill yourself.
Materialism says . . .	Be acquisitive, please yourself.
Pride says . . .	Be superior, promote yourself.
Asceticism says . . .	Be inferior, suppress yourself.
Diplomacy says . . .	Be reasonable, control yourself.
Communism says . . .	Be collective, secure yourself.
Humanism says . . .	Be capable, trust yourself.
Philanthropy says . . .	Be unselfish, give yourself.

The healed invalid and human nature (vv.1-15)

*John 5:2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.³ Here a **great number of disabled** people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.*

John 5:6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

John 5:7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

John 5:8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

John 5:9a At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

An outward and inward look at human sin

John 5:9b The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,¹⁰ and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

John 5:11 But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" ¹² So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

John 5:13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

John 5:14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

Life-giving Father and Son (vv. 16-23)

John 5:16 So, **because** Jesus was doing these things on **the Sabbath**, the Jews **persecuted him**.

John 5:17 Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

¹⁸ For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he

sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

John 5:22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

John 5:21 For just as the Father raises the dead and **gives them life**, even so **the Son gives life** to whom he is pleased to give it.

Real "life" for people (vv. 21-30)

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The life of Jesus in us. We are to:

- **E** _____ and
- **R** _____.

John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me **has eternal life** and will not be condemned; he **has crossed over from death to life**.

²⁵ I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and **those who hear will live**.

²⁶ For **as the Father has life in himself**, so **he has granted the Son to have life in himself**.

²⁸ "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice²⁹ and come out-- those who have done good will **rise to live**, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.