



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Death to Life: Evidence

John 5:30-47 | Sep 27, 2026



John 5:30-47- ³⁰“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³¹If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. ³²There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. ³³You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. ³⁹You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. ⁴¹I do not receive glory from people. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

OBSERVATION | *What does the text say?*

1. What are the three primary testimonies or forms of evidence that Jesus presents in John 5:30–47 to authenticate His divine claims?

2. According to Jesus in John 5:34, what was His true motive for using human testimony like John the Baptist's?

How did He describe John's role in John 5:35?

3. In John 5:39-40, how does Jesus describe the religious leaders' relationship with the Scriptures?

What tragic mistake were they making?

INTERPRETATION | *What does the text mean?*

1. Why does the text emphasize that Jesus' miracles and works are not merely demonstrations of raw power, but "witness testimonies" pointing to the Worker?

2. What does Jesus mean when He tells the religious leaders that they search the Scriptures because they think they have eternal life in them, yet refuse to come to Him?

3. How do the three testimonies— John's witness, Jesus' works, and Jehovah's Word— work together as an advancing movement rather than a repetitive argument?

APPLICATION | *How should this change us?*

1. Sunday's message challenged us that we can admire the preaching or the preacher and still miss the Savior. In what ways can we sometimes treat Christian activities or leaders as the destination rather than pointers to Christ?

2. If Christian faith is demonstrated by how we live rather than just what we profess, what is one area of your daily life where your "feet need to leave the ground" to match your belief?

What priorities may have to change?

3. How does viewing the Bible as a mirror (rather than just an academic subject to study) change how you approach reading Scripture this week?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

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