

"How Will You Believe?" (John 5:31-47)

Despite all of the evidence and multiple witnesses, the Jewish leaders refused to believe in Jesus. Even with their thorough study of the OT, they had missed Jesus. We are warned not to let our pride, self-worship, and preconceived ideas of who we think God should be keep us from missing Jesus and the life he offers.

See Prov 16:18

Evidence is not the problem. Pride is.

1) Evidence Is Not the _____. (vv. 31-40, 46)

Rules about Witnesses & the Courts

- 1) _____ the Baptizer (vv. 32-35)
- 2) _____ of Jesus (v. 36)
- 3) _____ (vv. 37-38)
- 4) _____ (vv. 39-40)
- 5) _____ [Scriptures] (v. 46)

To the Nonbeliever...

(see Ps 19; Rom 1:19-20)

There is sufficient evidence in creation, the identity of Jesus, & from believers.

To the Believer...

Even we too seek for more evidence and comment that we can't believe God unless we have it. For instance...

God, I can't believe that you are [fill in the blank], because you allowed [fill in the blank].

Our faith may be shaken by circumstances of life but that does not mean there is not sufficient evidence.

2) _____ *Is. (vv. 39-47)*

Jesus' accusations of the Jewish leaders...

1) Trusting in Other Avenues of _____ (vv. 39-43)

2) Seeking the _____ of People (vv. 41, 44)

3) Refusal to _____ the Word (vv. 45-47)

To the Nonbeliever...

To the Believer...

I am struggling with [*fill in the blank*], but the gospel reminds me [*fill in the blank*].

See Rom 11:33-34

How will you respond to this passage from John 5 today? What's your next step of faith?