

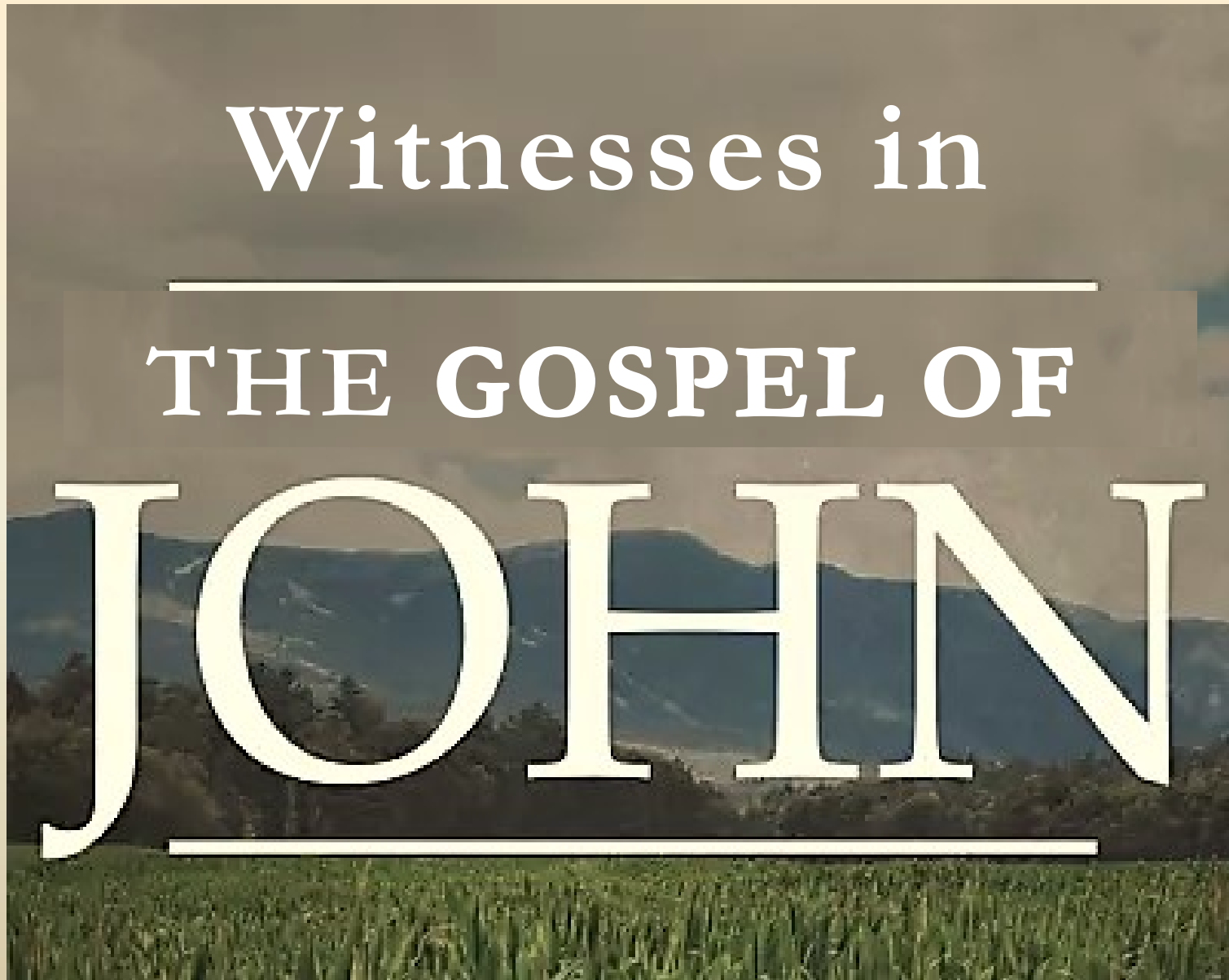
Witnesses in

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THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

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# **I. The gospel of John is unique in its use of the word “witness!”**

**A. The verb “bear witness” (marturein) is used 33 times in the gospel of John and only 30 times in the rest of the NT!**

**B. The noun “witness” (martus/martur) is found in 14 passages in John’s gospel!**

**C. God placed great emphasis upon witnesses in the OT.**

*“At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.*

*The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put away evil from among you”-Deuteronomy 17:6 & 7.*

**Example: If I affirmed that I was present and preached in this auditorium on October 14, my statement could be verified by a rather large number of witnesses!**

**Statements of credible witnesses are powerful!**

## **II. Witnesses in the gospel of John.**

### **A. John the Baptist**

*“And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore I am come baptizing with water.*

*And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.*

*And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit.*

*And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God”-*  
**John 1:31-34.**

**1. In the parallel accounts in the Synoptic Gospels, God verbally testified from heaven that Jesus was His Son-see Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; & Luke 3:22.**

**2. A multitude of people was present-see Matthew 3:5; Mark 1:5.**

## **B. The works of Jesus**

*“But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*

*And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me”-John 5:36 & 37.*

**Consider the statement by Nicodemus:**

*“Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him”-John 3:2; 2:23.*

**Consider the statement by the Pharisees:**

*“What do we? For this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and our nation”-John 11:47 & 48.*

**This was after the resurrection of Lazarus, and many Jews were present and believed on the Lord-see John 11:45.**

**➤ HERE IS A VITAL POINT: EVEN THE ENEMIES OF CHRIST CONFESSED THE LORD’S MIRACLES!!**

**➤ REALITY AND TRUTH CANNOT BE DENIED!!**

**THE LORD VINDICATED HIS CLAIM TO DEITY BY HIS MIRACLES!!**

**Afterwards, the Pharisees and the council, counseled together to put the Lord to death-see John 11:53.**

**C. The testimony of those who saw and heard the Lord.**

**1. The Samaritan woman**

*“Come, see a man, which told me all things that I ever did. Is not this the Christ?”*

*And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman which testified, He told me all that I ever did”-John 4:29 & 39.*

**Please note in these verses that the people “believed on the Lord” because of the testimony of the woman!**

## **2. The Jews which witnessed the resurrection of Lazarus**

*“But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death.*

*Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus”-John 12:10 & 11.*

*“The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record (emarturei, imperfect, active, “they kept on testifying”)-John 12:17.*

## **3. Consider the statement made by Peter in Acts 2:22.**

*“Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know.”*

**The word “approved” (apodedeigmenon) is a perfect tense verb which has the meaning of, “Jesus has been, and remains approved of God!”**

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: ALL THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST BECAME, “LIVING, WALKING, TALKING MONUMENTS TO THE DEITY OF CHRIST,” AND COULD VERIFY THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE MIRACLES WHEN THEY WERE RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT!!**

*“After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep”-I Corinthians 15:6.*

**The point I’m making here is that after Paul wrote of the resurrection of Christ, there were still living witnesses who could testify to the truthfulness of it.**

**The same point can be made for all NT books because they were all written prior to AD 70!**



**The truthfulness of both Christ and the NT stands verified by a great, great number of credible witnesses!!**

**III. What will you do with The Christ?**

**A. Will you reject Him?**

**B. Or, will you believe, repent, confess, and be baptized for the remission of your sins?**