FOUR WITNESSES John 5:31:40 December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Intro – The Jewish religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus because He had made Himself equal with God. He responds to them in legal terms when He says, "if I bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not true". Legally that testimony would not be admissible as legal evidence. The law required other witnesses. So, Jesus provides them with four other witnesses.

I. The witness of John the Baptist. (31-35)

- A. He spoke of Christ's eternal existence. Jn.1:15
- B. He had witnessed a special sign. Jn.1:32-34

C. John was an eye-witness, do you believe him? Jn.1:29

II. The witness of His miracles. (36)

- A. His miracles proved who Jesus was. Jn.10:25, Jn.14:11
- B. Miracles proved He was sent by God. Jn.5:36

III. The witness of the Father. (37-38)

- A. God said Jesus was His son. Matt.3:17, 1Jn.5:9
- B. God also spoke of Him through the prophets. Lk.24:27
- C. God also spoke to Peter. 2Peter 1:16-18

IV. The witness of Scripture. (39-40)

- A. The Bible speaks of Jesus. Luke 4:17-21, 2Pet 1:19-21
- B. Still many would not believe. Acts 13:27, Lk.24:25

Con. The important thing is what or who do you believe? Matt.16:15-16