

The Evidence of Witnesses

John 5:31-47

John 5:31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid." NIV

Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. NIV

Mark 14:55-59

2 Corinthians 13:1

The Witnesses

1. The first witness: John the Baptist.

John 5:32-35 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. 34 Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. 35 John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. NIV

John 1:29

2. The second witness: miracles.

John 5:36 "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. NIV

3. The third witness: God the Father.

John 5:37-38 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. NIV

Matthew 3:16-17

4. The fourth witness: scripture

John 5:39-40 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.

John 5:46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. NIV

Isaiah 53:4-5.

Isaiah 7:14

Daniel 9:25-26

Micah 5:2

Reasons for Unbelief

1. The wrong focus.

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2. The wrong motive.

John 5:42-47 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?" NIV

5. The fifth witness: Moses.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Genesis 49:10

Exodus 12:21-22

Numbers 24:16

Deuteronomy 31:24-27