

Jesus Came With Witnesses

Intro: Up to this point in 1 John, our writer has revealed to us the life that should be seen in the one who claims a relationship with Christ. As part of his closing remarks, he offers reasons why Jesus, the man, was at the same time, God.

1. Remember the Building Blocks
 - A. Have a healthy respect for the “separating” sin.
 - B. Obey God’s commandments
 - C. Do not love the world.
 - D. Love your brother and hates sin.
 - E. Victorious Faith seen in love for God and love for man shown by obedience.

2. Truth Needs Support - 1 John 5:6-8
 - A. In OT, the need for witnesses is made clear. Deuteronomy 19:15
 - B. Principle seen in NT as well. John 8:17-18; 1 Timothy 5:19
 - C. The water – At his baptism declared to be the Son of God.
 - D. The blood - At his death, he fulfilled his work as the Son.
 - E. The “Spirit” who confirmed that truth in Jerusalem shortly after his death – Acts 2

3. John says to deny the truth about Jesus is to “make God a liar”.
Consider the claims of Jesus.
 - A. He accepted worship – Matthew 14:33; John 20:28
 - B. He claimed the right to forgive sin, a right reserved only for God – Luke 5:20f
 - C. He said his miracles attested to his claim – John 9:35-41
 - D. His claim of being “one with the Father” aroused calls for his death –
John 10:30-33; 5:18
 - E. Consider the agreement with Jesus by others: Jn. 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:15-17;
Heb. 1:2-3; Acts 3:15; Eph. 4-10; Heb. 1:6-7
 - F. As someone once said, “Jesus is either a liar or a lunatic” if this is not the truth”.

Conclusion: Consider a quote from C.S. Lewis regarding Jesus being a great man or God. He succinctly puts forward the choice of all of who live after the evidence offered regarding his life. What will we believe?