**John**

*Rejecting Overwhelming Evidence*

*John 5:30-47*

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The Threefold Witness of Jesus Christ

* NOTE: Faith is never expected to be blind.
  + Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
  + John 8:13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, *yet* my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. (John 8:13-18)
* John the Baptist
  + John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
  + John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!
* His Mighty Works
* The Father in Heaven
  + Jesus’s Baptism
    - Matthew 3:13 ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:13-17)
  + Mount of Transfiguration
    - Matthew 17:1 ¶ And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. (Matthew 17:1-8)

Evidence of a Lost Person

* Doubter - Do Not Believe the Father (v 38)
* Resister - Will Not Come to the Son (v 40)
* Hater - Do Not Have the Love of God (v 41-42)
  + John 15:23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.
* Receive the Bad (v 43-44)
  + Is this a prophecy regarding the anti-christ? Or at least those who are anti-christ?
* Reject the Good (v 45-47)
  + 1 Timothy 1:8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;
  + Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.
  + Romans 3:19 ¶ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:19-20)