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Who says?

John 5:31-47

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

*“We must either worship Christ as
God or despise or pity Him as man.”*

John Gerstner

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 5:31,32

“If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true. “There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.”

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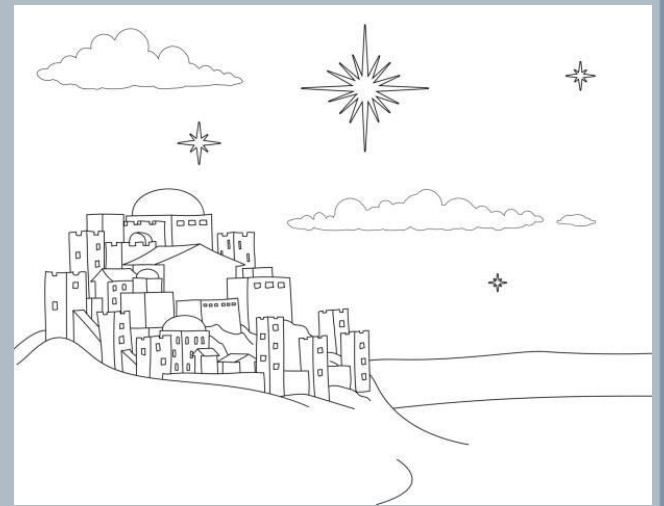
Jesus' Witness 31,32

- Jesus word good enough for me!
- Deuteronomy 19:15
- Not just my word – others too!
- **Let your light shine on your life to confirm your faith!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

*“Jesus Christ,
the condescension of divinity,
and the exaltation of humanity.”*

Phillips Brooks



SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 5:33,34

“You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

5:35

“He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.”

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John's Witness 33-35

- 'lamp' – 'burning & shining'
- I am lit by another – pointed to another – John B
- I am lamp that will burn out –
- **Who do we shine for?**
- **Who do we shine on?**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else the Devil of Hell.”

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John 5:36

“But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish - the very works that I do - testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Miracles' Witness 36

- Isaiah 35:5,6
- This chapter begins with miracle!
- Bethesda – 38 years!
- **Power over effects of sin = power over sin!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

“You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.”

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SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 5:37

“And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.”

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5:38

“You do not have His word abiding in you,
for you do not believe Him whom He sent.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Father's Witness 37,38

- Baptism of Jesus – Matt 3:17; Mark 1:11; John 1
- Transfiguration of Jesus – Mat 17; Mk 9; Lk 9
- Testimony of the Father – “My Son!” “Listen!”
- Father and Son – ONE – Divine
- **Nothing Less – Nothing More – Nothing Else!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

“You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great moral teacher.

He has not left that open to us!”

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SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

WHY SUCH ANGER – WHY ANSWER?

John 5:18

For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 5:39,40

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

5:41,42

“I do not receive glory from men; but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

5:45

“Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

5:46,47

“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Scriptures' Witness 39-47

- 'search' – not just looking – seeking!
- Moses – serpent – offerings – Prophet – Law - Rock
- One day – 'I wish I had known!'
- My problem is not sanity – it is vanity!
- **I don't need to be religious –
I need to be righteous!**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

WHO SAYS? GOD SAYS!

- I believe the witness of Jesus
- I believe the witness of John B
- I believe the witness of miracles
- I believe the witness of the Father
- I believe the witness of the Word
- I BELIEVE!

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

*"Depend upon it, my hearer,
you never will go to heaven unless
you are prepared to worship
Jesus Christ as God."*

C.H. Spurgeon

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