

You can't be a WITNESS for yourself

In the Jewish Law, when deciding matters of truthfulness for someone's credibility or in criminal cases, there needed to be at least 2 or 3 witnesses of the issue (Deut. 17:6; 19:15). *The more people telling the truth, the closer to truth that justice gets!* This protected the innocent from being hurt by one person lying out of spite or jealousy, as false witnesses were punished with what was to be given to the other party (Deut. 19:16-19). *God created legal justice and relational healing to happen when people get together and work towards resolution or reconciliation—a one-sided view is never the whole truth* (Num. 35:30; Prov. 18:17; Matt. 18:15-17).

Trust the MAN you know

John the Baptist claimed to be the forerunner to the Messiah prophesied in the OT (Is. 40:3). His ministry was so popular that even the religious leaders recognized him as a prophet. But when they asked him if he was the Messiah, he denied it and pointed them to Jesus (John 1:19-30). *Trust those who have proven trustworthy!*

Trust the MIRACLES you see

Though John the Baptist was a godly man, he never did any miracles. So, the miracles Jesus did built a stronger case for his divinity and Messiahship than even John's testimony. *Recognize and respond to the hand of God at work in the world!*

Trust the FATHER you heard

God the Father spoke audibly at Jesus' baptism claiming that Jesus was His 'Son' (Matt. 3:17). The religious leaders Jesus was speaking to were not present at his baptism but may have heard about it from others who were there. *When God speaks, listen!*

Trust the PROPHET you believe

The most offensive rebuke to their stubborn unbelief was the scriptures they were so proud to know, pointed to Jesus! Even if they didn't believe the other witnesses, they should have believed Moses, on whom they trusted for eternal life. Moses said God would raise up a man to speak for Him and everyone was to listen to him (Deut. 18:18, 19; John 1:45). *The word of God points to the Word of God!*