

John 5:33-47, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - This Little Light of Mine.

John 5:35

In the apostle John's gospel we were introduced to John the Baptist with these words, "There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light" (Jn. 1:6-8). That Light of course is Christ (Jn. 8:12, 9:5, 12:46). Nevertheless, here in John 5, Jesus declares that John the Baptist was himself a light and a "lamp that was burning ... for a while" (Jn. 5:35). How can we harmonize these two passages? [1] Jesus is the "true Light" (Jn. 1:9), but [2] each generation of Christians ("Christian" means one who is Christ-like) must take its turn to let Christ, who is in them, shine through them "for a while"; that is, until the next generation takes their place. Now it is our turn. Christian, today, do not hide your light -- let it shine! (Mt. 5:16).
Read Ephesians 5:8-10; Philippians 2:14-15

☐ Tuesday - Jesus' Works: Proof of His Deity.

John 5:36

Jesus declared, "The very works that I do testify about Me" (Jn. 5:36; cf. 10:25). The people saw Jesus: turn water into wine (Jn. 2:1-11); heal the sick (Mt. 4:24); raise the dead (Mt. 9:18-26; Lk. 7:11-17; Jn. 11:1-44); walk on water (Mt. 14:22-33); command the weather to change (Mt. 8:23-27); and even raise Himself from the dead! (Jn. 2:19, 21). To this, add Jesus' works of creation (John 1:3; Col. 1:16); forgiveness of sin (Mk. 2:5-7); and final judgment (Jn. 5:27), and we have every reason to believe Jesus is who He says He is -- God in human flesh (Jn. 10:30, 14:8-9). Jesus said, "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves" (Jn. 14:11).
Read Acts 1:3; 1 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1-4

☐ Wednesday - The Father's Testimony.

John 5:37

Jesus said, "And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me" (Jn. 5:37). What did God the Father testify about Jesus? At Jesus' baptism and again at His transfiguration, God the Father thundered from heaven, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased" (Mt. 3:17; 17:5). Does He say anything else? Yes, "Of the Son He [God the Father] says, 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever'" (Heb. 1:8). Did you catch that? God the Father calls Jesus "God"! Worship Christ, the God-Man! Read John 20:19-29

☐ Thursday - Spiritual Ears to Hear.

John 5:37

Jesus said to those hard-hearted Jewish leaders who were seeking to kill Him (Jn. 5:18), "And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have [not] heard His voice" (Jn. 5:37). In other words, "You weren't listening!" Jesus constantly told the people, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Mk. 4:9, 4:23, 7:16). But the ear that Jesus is talking about is not the flap of skin on either side of your head; He is referring to spiritual discernment. Concerning spiritual things our old nature is dull of hearing (Mt. 13:15). Unless God unstops our ears, so to speak, we cannot truly hear the Word of God. Today, before you read God's Word, pray not only for ears to hear the Word of God, but hands and feet that will do it!
Read 1 Corinthians 2:14

☐ Friday - Read the Bible Christologically.

John 5:46

Here, Jesus boldly proclaims that Moses "wrote about Me" (Jn. 5:46). The truth is that the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is about Jesus Christ! We must learn to read each passage of the Bible christologically, for only then can we discover its true meaning and application.
Read Luke 24:27