

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 12

 Let's hear your story

1. How was truth established in Deuteronomy 17:6? **(2 or 3 witnesses).**
2. How many witnesses did Jesus mention in John 5:30 – 47? **(Five.).**
3. Who was the first witness in v.32 – 35? **(John the Baptist.).**
4. What was the second witness in v.36? **(Jesus' works "miracles.").**
5. Who was the third witness in v.37? **(God, the Father).**

 Let's go deeper

6. Who was the fourth witness in v.38 – 40? **(The Scriptures.).**
7. When was the prophesy in Micah 5:2; about the birth place of the Messiah fulfilled? **(See Luke 2:4 – 7.).**
8. When was the prophesy in Zechariah 11:12 – 13; about the Messiah's betrayal for 30 pieces of silver fulfilled? **(See Matthew 26:14 – 15.).**
9. Who was Jesus' fifth witness in verses 45 – 47? **(Moses, and his writings.).**

 Let's apply this

- 10. John 5:31;** Jesus says; "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.
- How would you proof to someone that your first name and surname is correct? You would show your ID, driver's license, maybe marriage certificate, etc.
- Jesus provides five witnesses in this scripture to proof that He is the Messiah, Christ and Son of God. This week use these same witnesses to testify to people that Jesus truly is the Messiah, Christ and Son of God.
- Ask Holy Spirit for boldness and power to be a witness of Jesus Christ
 - Read and memorize the above scriptures to use when people ask you
 - Allow the God's love to flow through you as you love His people

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 12 (FIVE witnesses that Jesus is God)

Read: John 5:30 – 47

In John 5:30 – 47, Jesus lists five witnesses as evidence to proof that He's testimony of being the Messiah, the Christ and the Son of God is true.

v.30 – 31; Jesus makes an interesting comment by saying; "if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true." How was truth established according to Deuteronomy 17:6 and 19:15 – 16? By the testimony of two or three witnesses.

v.32 – 35; Jesus introduces His **first witness** – John the Baptist. What was John the Baptist's main calling and purpose? To prepare the way for the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ – see Malachi 3:1; John 1:6 – 8; 29 – 37 and John 2:27 – 30.

v.36; Jesus introduces His **second witness** – His works (miracles); "the very works that I do bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me." It was prophesied in Isaiah 35:5 – 6; that the Messiah would do many miracles.

v.37; Jesus introduces His **third witness** – God the Father; "the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me." There are two moments where God the Father spoke from Heaven saying that Jesus is His beloved Son – see Matthew 3:16 – 18 and 17:5.

v.38 – 40; Jesus introduces His **fourth witness** – the Scriptures, (Word of God). There are many Old Testament promises and prophesies of the coming of the Messiah, and Jesus fulfilled them, we will look at five of those:

700 years Before Christ, the prophet Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah will be born of a virgin – see Isaiah 7:14; this prophesy was fulfilled in Matthew 1:21 – 23.

700 years Before Christ, the prophet Micah prophesied that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem – see Micah 5:2, and this prophesy was fulfilled in Luke 2:4 – 7.

500 years Before Christ, the prophet Zechariah prophesied the Messiah will ride in to Jerusalem on a donkey – see Zechariah 9:9, this was fulfilled in Luke 19:28; 35-38.

1000 years Before Christ, the psalmist prophesied that the Messiah will be betrayed by a friend – see Psalm 41:9; and this prophesy was fulfilled in Matthew 26:49 – 50.

500 years B.C. the prophet Zechariah prophesied that the Messiah will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver – see Zechariah 11:12-13; this was fulfilled in Matt. 26:14-15.

v.45 – 47; Jesus introduces His **fifth witness** – the writings of Moses.