

A True Witness

John 21:24-25 (NKJV)

24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

It is with a sort of sadness that we must leave the Gospel of John at the end of this message. Our first message in this series was on January 4, 2009 and today will be our last.

John has given us many evidences of the deity of Jesus Christ and has given us several of His miracles. But mostly, he has allowed us to sit close to the Savior on that last day before His crucifixion. We have been privileged to listen to the conversation of Jesus with His disciples. We have heard His great intercessory prayer. We have listened as Jesus has gone around the disciples in the upper room, washing their feet, and healing their souls.

John has shown us things that others did not. He has made Jesus real to us as He spoke to the woman at the well, with her sorted past and her wanton soul.

We were there when Jesus healed the man who was born blind and the man who laid crippled at the pools side, without hope, because he had no one to take him to the pool.

Our hearts have felt for Nicodemus, a very religious man who almost missed the kingdom of heaven, by his own efforts.

We have heard Jesus say the most striking and yet comforting words. He has rebuked the faithless and the materialist while He has spoken words of strength to the weakened disciples.

We have seen Jesus feed the thousands and have hopefully been fed ourselves from His bountiful supply.

And it all because of John. That faithful and true witness.

Let us see what John has for us now, as he closes his testimony.

- I. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things
 - A. This is the closest that John come to identify himself as the author of the book.
 - B. 1 John 1:1-4 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life --2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us --3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. NKJV

1. John was not someone who had heard about Jesus, he was there.
 2. John was personal.
- II. We know that his testimony is true.
- A. Since he was an eye witness, we can be sure that the things he tells us are true.
 - B. If the disciples held such high ideals of honesty and truthfulness they would have never reported false information.
- III. And there are also many other things that Jesus did,
- A. MIRACLES OF JESUS, IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER
 1. Water converted into wine
 2. Heals the nobleman's son
 3. The catch of fish
 4. Heals the demoniac
 5. Heals Peter's mother-in-law
 6. Cleanses the leper
 7. Heals the paralyzed man
 8. Healing of the immobile man
 9. Restoring the withered hand
 10. Restores the centurion's servant
 11. Raises the widow's son to life at the village of Nain
 12. Heals a demoniac
 13. Stills the storm
 14. Throws demons out of two men of Gadara (Gerasa)
 15. Raises the daughter of Jairus from the dead
 16. Cures the woman with the issue of blood
 17. Restores two blind men to sight
 18. Heals a demoniac
 19. Walks upon Lake Galilee
 20. Heals the daughter of the non-Jewish, Syro-Phoenician woman
 21. Feeds more than four-thousand people

22. Restores the deaf-mute man
 23. Restores a blind man
 24. Heals the epileptic boy
 25. The temple tax money obtained from a fish's mouth
 26. Restores ten lepers to wholeness, only one of them returns to thank Jesus
 27. Opens the eyes of a man born blind
 28. Raises Lazarus from the dead
 29. Heals the woman with the spirit of infirmity
 30. Cures a man with dropsy
 31. Restores sight to two blind men near Jericho
 32. Condemns a fig tree
 33. Heals the ear of Malchus
 34. The second catch of fish
 - a. from Nave's Topical Bible
- B. John 12:37 But although He had done so many signs before them, NKJV
 - C. Matt 11:20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: NKJV
 - D. John 3:1-2 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." NKJV
 - E. Matt 8:16-17 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, NKJV
 - F. Matt 11:5-6 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. NKJV
 - G. Matt 15:30-31 Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them.³¹ So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. NKJV
 - H. Mark 1:32-34 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.³³ And the whole city was gathered

together at the door.³⁴ Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. NKJV

- I. Luke 9:11-12 But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. NKJV
- IV. Which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.
- V. Amen