

So Many Witnesses... Who is on Trial?

- Jesus was not being put on trial by the world.
- The world is being put on trial by **Jesus**.
 - Jesus is not speaking in this passage as a **defendant**.
 - Jesus is speaking as the **prosecutor**.
- Who is on trial here?
 - **We** are.
 - The Big Question: What are you going to believe about Jesus?

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- *The Witness of Jesus* (31-32)
- *The Witness of John the Baptist* (33-35)
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 - John did not testify for Jesus' sake.
 - John testified for **our** sake.
 - John came as a lamp to **point** the way to Jesus.
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- *The Witness of Jesus' Works* (36)
 - Jesus' works are greater than John's **words**.
 - From the manger to the empty tomb, all Jesus' works proved that Jesus was **God**.
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- *The Witness of the Father* (37-38)
 - The most forceful witness to the truth about Jesus comes from the Father.
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 - The Father testified at Jesus' transfiguration. (Matthew 17:5)
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 - Jesus speaks with the **voice** of God. (John 3:34)
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 - Jesus is the perfect **image** of God. (Colossians 1:15; John 1:18)
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 - Studying the Scriptures does not give eternal life. The Scriptures point to the One who gives life.
 - Legalism says "**do**!"
 - The Gospel proclaims "**done**!"
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 - You cannot claim to love God and **reject** Jesus.
 - You cannot gain the approval of God while seeking the **applause** of men.
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 - **Pride** will keep you out of the kingdom of God.
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