

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and bright, golden light rays emanate from the pages, creating a dramatic, ethereal effect. The background is dark, making the light from the book stand out. The text 'BOOK of JOHN' is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The word 'BOOK' is in a bold, sans-serif font, 'of' is in a smaller, elegant script font, and 'JOHN' is in a bold, sans-serif font.

# BOOK *of* JOHN

# ***THE CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS – PART 2***

## ***JOHN 5:30-47***

***No one before or since has ever claimed to be God and then been able to validate and prove the claim.***

- Jesus has now claimed to be co-equal with God—and offers proof His claim is true!
- Jesus is our faith rescue, our Passover of **EXODUS 12**.
- God sent Jesus into the world for a very specific purpose: To save us from the penalty of sin, which is actually two deaths—one physical the other spiritual. **TITUS 3:5-7**

# THREE WITNESSES

## 1. THE WITNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST v.30-35

- The religious leaders had interrogated John the Baptist very carefully. **JOHN 1:15**
- At the end of His ministry, Jesus pointed people back to the witness of John the Baptist.  
**MATT. 21:23-27**
- John told the people that Jesus was the Lord (**JOHN 1:23**), the Lamb of God (**JOHN 1:29**), and the Son of God (**JOHN 1:34**).

## 2. *THE WITNESS OF HIS MIRACLES v. 36*

- As we study his Gospel, we will see John has selected seven of these “*signs*” to include as proof that Jesus is the Son of God. **JOHN 20:30-31**
- The Bible also records miracles performed by ordinary men such as Moses, Elijah, and Paul.
- Do these miracles prove that the prophets are also sent of God (**HEB. 2:3-4**)? Yes, they do!
- But only Jesus claimed to be God and did miracles.

### **3. THE WITNESS OF THE WORD v. 37-47**

- Moses heard God's voice and saw God's glory; but we have that same voice and glory in the inspired Word of God. **2 PETER 1:12-21**
- The Old Testament Scriptures bear witness to Jesus Christ, yet the people who received and preserved that Word were blind to their own Messiah. Why?
  - a. FOR ONE THING, THEY DID NOT PERMIT THAT WORD TO GENERATE FAITH IN THEIR HEARTS. JOHN 5:38**

# ***IT'S NOT JUST HEAD KNOWLEDGE***

The mark of Spirit-led bible study is not knowledge that puffs up, but love that builds up. **1 COR. 8:1**

- There was something wrong with the minds of these Jewish leaders, they were blind guides.
- It is unfortunate when our “study” of the Bible makes us arrogant and militant instead of humble, loving, and anxious to serve others.
- They did not see Christ in their own Scriptures.  
**2 COR. 3:14-18; 4:3-6**

**b. THERE WAS ALSO SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEIR WILLS: THEY WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO JESUS.**

**c. THESE LEADERS HAD A THIRD PROBLEM, AND THIS WAS THE LACK OF LOVE IN THEIR HEARTS.**

*“You have not the love of God in you.”* **JOHN 5:42**

*If we reject that which is true, we will ultimately believe and receive that which is false.*

The **heart of this controversy** is that Jesus came to defeat sin and death; and religion cannot do that, only relationship can.