

TRUE WITNESS LEADS SINNERS TO CHRIST**SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:29-42**

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I. INTRODUCTION

WITNESS- Testimony, evidence, proven facts given about something or someone by some one that has personal knowledge concerning given subject. In today's lesson we see a firsthand account of what is required to be a true witness for Christ. Despite all of our modern technologies, word of mouth is still the best advertiser. Jesus came to save the lost but everybody don't know who Jesus is. He came to His own and His own received Him not (John 1:11). John the Revelator who informed us of "the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us" is now introducing **John the Baptist** who has been chosen to make the Living Word known to humanity. John the Baptist was a witness for God.

A. John the Baptist's Testimony: Jesus is the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29-36)

- Here is his testimony to Christ on the 1st day.
- He saw Him coming from the wilderness.
- He witnesses 4 things concerning Christ.

Before we discuss these 4 things however I need some help in establishing John the Baptist as a **credible witness**. I need you (class) to substantiate John through Scripture why we should even listen to him. How do we know that he even knows Jesus? (PLEASE GIVE SCRIPTURE TO SUPPORT YOUR ARGUMENT)****

Now let's discuss the four things.

1. Jesus is the Lamb of God! (John 1:29)

- Isa 53:7
- Ex 29:38
- 1 Cor 5:7
- Rom 3:25
- John 17:19
- Lev 16: 8-9

He takes away the sins of the world. He is the mediator between God and man. He cleanses us from our sins with His own blood. Thereby justifying as well as sanctifying us. He got us a pardon. (John 2:2) He took our place (Lev 16:21). With eyes of faith, we too must now behold the Lamb and allow Him to increase our hatred of sin. As we hold on to God's unchanging hand, we must reach back and grab the hand of the one who does not know God. We should always be thankful, ready, willing and able to tell someone else about Jesus!

2. **He is the one I've been talking about** (John 1:30-31)

John take no credit for anything he has done. He stays in his lane. He realizes that he was chosen to point to Christ. We as human being sometimes forget that it is in Christ that we live, move and have our being. Be careful not to get the big head. A good witness will always acknowledge God as the giver of all good and perfect gifts (John 3:27).

3. **This is He upon whom the Spirit descended from heaven like a dove** (John 1:32-33).

John witnessed something extraordinary. The testimony has been confirmed. God himself has spoken.

4. **He is the Son of God** (John 1:34)

This is the conclusion of John's testimony. The voice from heaven has proclaimed. John says, "I saw it, I believe it and I testify to it. So to be a good witness, drawing sinners to Christ, we must first believe and receive Christ ourselves. You surely can't convince anyone of something you know nothing about. (John 1:12)

B. TRUE WITNESS DRAWS OTHERS TO CHRIST (Verses 34-42)

John is still taking every opportunity to lead others to Christ. The next day he pointed out the Lamb of God to 2 of his disciples. Yes, he sent followers to Jesus. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every believer learned that there is truly One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism! If we could stop trying to have mega churches and instead seek to have mega saved souls.

In these final verses, each one is reaching one. It is believed that John the Apostle and Andrew were the 2 that spent the day with Jesus after John the Baptist pointed Him out to them. They then went and got Simon Peter and James.

C. REVIEW: let's take a quick look at some scriptures to help us be better witnesses.

- 1 Tim 1:1, 8-10
- Matt 5:16
- 1 Pet 3:15
- Acts 22:15
- Acts 4:20
- Rom 12:1
- Phil 2:15
- Act 10:42

II. CONCLUSION

Let's all seek to be as my Deacon Russell says, "A better witness on every tomorrow than we were today." Let's make this our mandate: "I'm just a nobody trying to tell everybody about somebody who can save anybody!!"