

Verse 31

Jesus' testimony would not be false even if He did not have any physical witnesses. What is being implied by this verse is that according to the Mosaic law, the testimony of one witness would not be permissible in a court setting. The Mosaic law requires testimony and confirmation by at least two witnesses.

- **Deuteronomy 17:6** On the [a]evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the [b]evidence of one witness.
- **Deuteronomy 19:15** "A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin [a]which he has committed; on the [b]evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

New Testament verses on two or three witnesses

- **Matthew 18:15-20** "If your brother sins [k], go and [l]show him his fault [m]in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every [n]fact may be confirmed. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as [o]a Gentile and [p]a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I say to you, whatever you [q]bind on earth [r]shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you [s]loose on earth [t]shall have been loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them [u]by My Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."
- **2 Corinthians 13:1** This is the third time I am coming to you. Every [a]fact [b]is to be confirmed by the [c]testimony of two or three witnesses.
- **1 Timothy 5:19** Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

Verse 32

The Father testifies of the Son.

- **John 8:12-18** Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not [b]true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is [c]true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge [d]according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. ¹⁶ But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷ Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is [e]true. ¹⁸ I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me."

Jesus does not need witness from others for His testimony to be true. However, He will give a list of witness that testify of Him: John the Baptist, His works, God the Father, and scripture.

Verses 33-35

John the Baptist was the forerunner for Christ and testified of Him.

Verse 36

The works that Jesus did and the miracles He performed were a witness to His deity as they are from the Father.

- **John 10:25** Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.
- **John 10:37-38** If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may ^[k]know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”
- **John 20:30-31** Therefore many other ^[a]signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is ^[b]the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Verses 37-38

The Father sent the Son and the Father testifies of the Son.

- **John 8:18** I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me.”
- **Matthew 3:16-17** After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and ^[i]he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* ^[l]lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is ^[k]My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”
- **Matthew 17:5-7** While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard *this*, they fell ^[a]face down to the ground and were terrified.

Verses 39-47

The Old Testament scriptures are a witness to Jesus as they testify about Him. The Old Testament and the types and shadows are pointing to and are revealed in Jesus. The way to eternal life is found in the Old Testament as the Old Testament points to Jesus. The Pharisees claimed to be disciples of Moses (**John 9:28-29**), but they really didn’t believe Moses or the Pentateuch, because if they had they would have believed in Jesus because Moses wrote about Jesus. When Moses was writing about the Seed that would crush the head of the serpent, the tabernacle, a Prophet like Moses, the Passover Lamb, and all the feasts He was writing about Jesus. Moses will accuse them because rejection Christ of would lead to judgment and Moses wrote about Jesus.

Acts 17: 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge ^[u]the world in righteousness ^[v]through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men ^[w]by raising Him from the dead.”

*There is another witness to who Jesus is.....His resurrection! Those who are believers are united with Him in His resurrection. His elect are resurrected spiritually and having a living hope of a physical resurrection on the Last Day! This is the promise to the children of God. The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God! (**Romans 8:16**).*