

John 5 — Bible Study That Misses Jesus

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VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

In John 5, Jesus confronts the most serious Bible students of His day with a warning that still lands: "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that bear witness about me — yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life." They knew the text cold, and walked right past the One it was written about. Today's reading sits with that danger — having the Book and missing its point — and with Jesus' startling claim that Moses himself testifies to Him. It closes on the sharpest line in the chapter: unbelief is not first a thinking problem but a glory problem.

GO DEEPER — STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Deuteronomy 18:15–19** out loud, then read **John 5:45–47** right after it. Ask what Moses said would happen to anyone who wouldn't listen to that prophet — then ask why Jesus brought Moses up at all. Bonus: go through **John 5:31–47** and count the witnesses Jesus calls to the stand (there are four).

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in John: 1:45 · 20:31

Other Gospels: Luke 24:27, 44

Rest of Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15–19 · 2 Corinthians 3:14–16

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

Jesus Is the Test of True Faith

John Piper — Desiring God

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/jesus-is-the-test-of-true-faith>

On John 5:39–47 — the Scriptures bear witness to Christ, and coming to Him is the test.

The Love of Human Praise as the Root of Unbelief

John Piper — Desiring God

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On John 5:44 — why unbelief is a glory problem before it is an intellectual one.