

Digging Deeper: John 5:31–47

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Day 1

As you pray and thank God for your many blessings, write down your thoughts and ideas from your prayer time into your prayer journal and how can you put these things into action for your life. Read John 5:31–47. Old Testament law called for two or more (three) witnesses. Jesus knew they would not believe Him, so He used Old Testament law to prove his point. Check out Numbers 35:30 and Deuteronomy 17:6. What three things did Jesus use to become the three witnesses for His ministry?

Day 2

Praise Jesus for being the light of the world, for coming so that ALL who want grace, forgiveness and rest can find it in Him. Read John 5:31–47. Look up the definition of “testimony.” What does it mean to testify against someone or to testify for someone? What makes a testimony authentic? What makes it problematic? How must the Pharisees be feeling when Jesus used His multiple witness testimonies to support His ministry and what He was saying and doing?

Day 3

Find a quiet place to pray. Pray for how Jesus can use you today to help others around you, even if just on the phone or virtually online. Read John 5:31–47. As you reflect, let God remind you of a friend or a relative that you haven’t talked to in a long time. Call them and say hello and tell them that you love them, ask them how they are doing and whatever else comes to mind. If your mind is full of different people’s names, write them down in your journal and call one or two a day over the next several days. Share Jesus’ love for others and connect or reconnect.

Day 4

Before you read, pray. When you pray, praise God. Thank Him for what you have. Admit your sins. Ask forgiveness. With humility, ask Him for what you need. Read John 5:31–47. The religious leaders (the Pharisees) studied the scriptures in minute detail, knowing it backward and forward. Check out Matthew 5:17–20. Why do you think they failed to see Jesus in the scriptures?

Day 5

Read John 5:31–47. Meditate on what you have read, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you apply Jesus’ message to your life. Jesus does not refer to a specific text of Moses but talks to the Pharisees about what Moses wrote in a general sort of way (v. 46). Check out Luke 24:15–35, Jesus on the road to Emmaus. See how Jesus talks to the disciples about Moses and the prophets. Is it in the same general sort of way? How are these events similar? How are they different, and what makes them different?

Day 6

Pray and thank God for today. Look for the blessings. Read John 5:31–47. What are some truths that we can take away from this week’s sermon and verses about Jesus, who He was and what He means for the world? Write down any other thoughts or feelings you are having into your prayer journal about these verses and what they mean for you and any adjustments you feel called to make about your life.