



## Evidence Isn't The Problem

John 5:32-47

### One Couldn't Help But Ask

- There are several points being made in these verses,
  - Helping to relieve pain & suffering should be done when it is needed and is not limited by the Sabaoth.
  - If God works at all times including the Sabaoth then His Son, Jesus , would also be working since they are one in the same.
  - There was scriptural evidence that Jesus was the Massiah in the Old Testament. Further evidence was offered by John the Baptist in His testimony and yet more evidence in the miracles Jesus had performed using just the power of his voice. Yet the Jewish leaders would not believe in Him claiming there was insufficient evidence.  
How would you order these regarding their importance in our lives?
- There are people in the year 2022 that, like the 1<sup>st</sup> century Jews, can't find enough evidence to accept Jesus as their personal savior. He is not on the earth to give the perfect answer. What would you offer them as evidence?
- Does our society norm maintain the Sabaoth as a "holy" day? How would you comment on this?
- Does our society norm encourage personal sacrifice to help others? How would you comment on this?

### The Take Aways

- Helping to relieve pain & suffering should be done when it is needed and should not be limited by the Sabaoth.  
Jewish religious leaders had expanded the simple law regarding working on the Sabaoth to ridiculous extremes and then decided they could tell the Son of God

what He might do and not do! We need to be wary of those who build religions around their own status and walls between their followers and Jesus.

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Jesus was equating Himself with God which, the Jewish leaders would not accept.

- There was scriptural evidence that Jesus was the Messiah in the Old Testament. Further evidence was offered by John the Baptist, who attracted many to his ministry, in His testimony and yet more evidence in the miracles Jesus had performed with just the power of his voice.

But the Jewish leaders hardened their hearts & would not believe in Him and therefore sought to find sufficient fault to have Him executed. We need to constantly increase our faith in Jesus. He is our only hope.

### ***An invitation to join us***

*This study guide is provided in the hope that others will be moved to consider the sermon, let their mind wander to questions it might raise and thoughts they wish to remember and apply to their personal life. If anyone reading the guide cares to ask a question or share their thoughts regarding the subject, please e-mail the authors at [mensbreakfast@therivercolorado.org](mailto:mensbreakfast@therivercolorado.org) . If you would like to participate in the building of the study guide, please let us know and we'll make provisions to have you join us via phone and/or Zoom*