COME TO JESUS

John 5:31–47
Key Verses: 5:39–40

1. What has Jesus been saying about himself (5:17–18, 21–23, 26–27)? Why was this hard for the Jews to accept? Read verses 31–35. Why was John the Baptist such a valid witness (1:6–7)? Review how he had testified about Jesus (1:29; 3:31–36).

2. Read verse 36. What were the “works” Jesus was doing (1–9a)? Why was it such clear evidence that the Father had sent him (21)? Why are a person’s works just as important as his words (Mt7:15–20)?

3. How has the Father himself testified about Jesus (37a,39,46; cf. 1:31–34)? Read verses 37–38. For what did Jesus rebuke them? Why were they so ignorant of God? What does it mean to have God’s word “abide” in us?

4. Read verses 39–40. What wrong idea about Scripture study did the Jews have (cf. Ro2:17–18)? What does it mean to “come” to Jesus (3:20–21)? What can we learn here about how and why we should study the Bible?

5. Read verses 41–44. Note the contrast here between human glory and God’s love; how are they mutually exclusive? What was hindering the Jews from accepting Jesus?

6. Read verses 45–47. How had Moses testified about Jesus (e.g. Ge3:15; 12:3; 49:10; Ex12:7,13; Nu24:17; Dt18:15)? How did these Jews respond to these things (47)? What was their problem?

7. Review all the witnesses to Jesus mentioned here. Why do we need to believe in Jesus based on valid testimony?