

Fellowship Baptist Church, January 10, 2016, AM
Message: "The Scriptures testify of Jesus"—John 5:39

INTRODUCTION: The Jews sought to kill Jesus because in their mind Jesus had violated the Sabbath by healing a man on the Sabbath. (v. 16). Jesus really provoked them with His answer in v. 17 (v. 18). He broke the Sabbath and made Himself equal with God! Look at verse 23, where it states that Jesus is to be honored as God the Father is honored. What follows are the witnesses to the fact that Jesus is God. The witnesses are John the Baptist (v. 33-35); the works of Jesus (v. 36); God the Father (37-38); and the scriptures (v. 39). Jesus gives four witnesses, only two were need according to Jewish law (John 8:17, 18 compare Deut. 19:15).

I. The witness of scripture.

- A. All the law and the prophets give witness to Jesus.—John 5:46; Acts 10:43
 - 1. Moses' witness—Acts 3:22-24 (Deut. 18:15, 18-19)
 - 2. The witness of Peter before Cornelius—Acts 10:42
 - 3. The witness of Paul before King Agrippa.—Acts 26:22-23
 - 4. Paul's Testimony to the Romans.—Rom. 1:1-4
- B. The Scriptures from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21 is the story of Jesus.
 - 1. The Old Testament establishes the need of a savior.
 - a. The fall of man, the promise of a savior (Gen. 3).
 - b. Guilt established by the law.—Rom. 3:19-20
 - 2. The Gospels tell of the savior who came.—Luke 2:10-11 (John 20:30-31)
 - 3. The epistles tell us how we are to live after receiving then Savior.
—I Tim. 3:15; James 1:22; I Peter 2:21-24

II. The Jewish religious leaders missed the message of the scriptures.-- V. 39, 40.

- A. Jesus was rejected by the Jewish nation.—John 5:18; 1:11, 12; (8:42ff)
- B. They failed to make the connection of the scriptures to Jesus.
 - 1. At His birth.—Matt. 2
 - 2. The people recognized the works of Jesus but rejected Him.—John 7:31, 32.
 - 3. The people wanted the benefits without the savior.—John 6:26 (23ff).
- C. They rejected Jesus as their King.—Luke 13:34-35; John 19:22

III. All the scriptures point to Jesus as the Savior.—v. 39, 40.

- A. He is the light of the world.—John 8:12; 9:5; (Isa. 9:2; Luke 2:32)
- B. He is the living water.—John 4:14
- C. He is the bread of life.—John 6:36.
- D. He is the good Shepherd.—John 10:11.
- E. He gives eternal life.—John 3:16

CONCLUSION: The Jewish leadership knew the scriptures but missed the fulfillment in Jesus. Anyone can get the facts but it takes the Spirit of God to give the true meaning and application. Do not just read but ask God to direct you and show you Jesus in the Scriptures. You know the facts about the death of Christ but do you know Christ?