

SERMON NOTES

May 14, 2017 Scripture: John 8:13-20 (NAS) "Unbelief"

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- 13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You are bearing witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."
- 14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true; for I know where I came from, and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from, or where I am going.
- 15 "You people judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone.
- 16 "But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and He who sent Me.
- 17 "Even in your law it has been written, that the testimony of two men is true.
- 18 "I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."
- 19 And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me, nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also."
- 20 These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

I. TWO OPPOSING THEMES IN THIS GOSPEL

- A. It Is Filled With Evangelical Appeals
- B. It Also Records Many Examples Of Unbelief

II. THE EVIDENCE OF UNBELIEF

- A. They Deny The Validity Of Jesus' Statement
- B. They Claim He Has No One To Verify What He Said
- C. They Judge According To The Flesh

III. THE FLAWED ARGUMENT

A. They Were Not In A Court Of Law

- B. There Were Many Validations For Jesus' Teaching
 - 1. John the Baptist
 - 2. The testimony of His miracles
- C. Jesus Own Testimony Is Self-Validating
- D. The Father Gave Testimony
 - 1. At His baptism
 - 2. On the Mount of Transfiguration
- E. All Of Scripture Declares Him
 - 1. Scripture is validated by history
 - 2. Through prophesy fulfilled
 - 3. Self-validating through the Holy Spirit