Credible Claims and Culpable Unbelief (John 5:30-47)

1. The Father’s Unmistakable Witness About the Son Removes Excuses and Exposes the Heart (vv.30-40)
   1. The Son’s Reliance on His Father (vv.30-32)
      1. The Son’s judgment is absolutely just because He judges in perfect harmony with the Father’s will (v.30)
      2. The Son’s claims about Himself are absolutely true because He bases them on what the Father has testified concerning Him (vv.31-32)
   2. The Father’s Witness About His Son (vv.33-40)
      1. Through John the Baptist (vv.33-35)
         1. The nature of John’s witness (v.33)
         2. The insufficiency yet efficacy of John’s witness (v.34)
         3. The function of John’s witness and the failure of the people (v.35)
      2. Through Jesus’ Works (v.36)
         1. The nature of the works (They filled His ministry; they were given to Him by the Father; they were being accomplished in their entirety)
         2. The message of the works (“He is sent by the Father”)
            1. They do this by their extraordinary character and alignment with the OT expectations of the Messiah (9:32-33; 10:24-25; 15:24).
            2. They do this because they reveal that Jesus is in the Father and the Father in Jesus (10:37-38; 14:10-11).
      3. Through the Old Testament Scriptures (vv.37-40)
         1. Jesus exposes their total ignorance of God (vv.37-38).
            1. Their failure to see and hear God through Christ reveals their ignorance of God (v.37).
            2. Their failure to believe the Son reveals their having never rightly received the Scriptures (v.38).
         2. Jesus exposes their complete misunderstanding of Scripture (v.39).
         3. Jesus exposes the root of their unbelief (v.40).