

## Gospel of John 5:30 – 47

New American Standard Version

1 I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and  
2 My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but  
3 the will of Him who sent Me. If I *alone* testify about Myself,  
4 My testimony is not true. There is another who testifies of  
5 Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me  
6 is true. You have sent to John, and he has testified to the  
7 truth. But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but  
8 I say these things so that you may be saved. He was the lamp  
9 that was burning and was shining and you were willing to  
10 rejoice for a while in his light. But the testimony which I  
11 have is greater than *the testimony of John*; for the works  
12 which the Father has given Me to accomplish – the very  
13 works that I do – testify about Me, that the Father has sent  
14 Me. And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me.  
15 You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His  
16 form. You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do  
17 not believe Him whom He sent. You search the Scriptures  
18 because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is  
19 these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to  
20 Me so that you may have life. I do not receive glory from  
21 men; but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in  
22 yourselves. I have come in My Father’s name, and you do  
23 not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will  
24 receive him. How can you believe, when you receive glory  
25 from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from  
26 the *one and only* God? Do not think that I will accuse you  
27 before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in  
28 whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses,  
29 you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do  
30 not believe his writings, how will you believe My words

**Context:** *Remember what prompted this long response from Jesus (John 5:18). How does this discourse respond to the concern of the Jews?*

**Observation:** *What repeated words or ideas are in the passage? Are there logical connections (but, therefore, so then)? What comparisons or contrasts are used? Circle and underline parts of the text that help you see the flow of what Jesus is saying.*

**Interpretation:** *What questions come to mind as you read this passage? How do the different parts of the passage fit together? What parts of the passage are difficult to understand?*

**Application:** *How would you summarize the main point Jesus is making to the Jews? How might that emphasis relate to you?*

Questions for further thinking:

- The “He” in line 5 is capitalized in the NASB translation, implying that the reference is to God, or to the Father. Other translations (e.g., ESV, NIV) that do not capitalize divine pronouns have “he” for the subject of the clause. Could this be a reference to John (mentioned in the next five lines)? Is the reference definitely to the Father, mentioned later (l. 12)? Does the context give any help? What difference (if any) would it make?