

Preparation Questions John 5.30 – 47
Evidence that demands a verdict – From defence to prosecution

Opener: What would you say if a friend asks you, “If Jesus is so good, why do so many people not believe?”

Recap: What claim did Jesus make about himself in vs 17-30? How do v30 – 32 follow on and relate to first half of the chapter?

Text 1: What witnesses does Jesus call on in vs 32 - 39? Why are they each such a good support to his claim?

Text 2: How does the tenor of Jesus’ answer change in v37? In vs37 -44 What problems does he identify in his questioners? What is their root problem according to vs40 & 44-47?

Sum up: How would you sum up the evidence for Jesus and the case against the Jews in this passage?

One to chew on: How does v39 challenge us?

Looking at John with someone else – recognising the challenge to us?

How might we help someone respond personally to this passage?