

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:20 – 41



FEAST OF EASTER

THE RESURRECTION WAS ALWAYS ATTACKED

Were the Gospel writers storytellers or real witnesses?



John 20:30 – 31

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 21:24 - 25

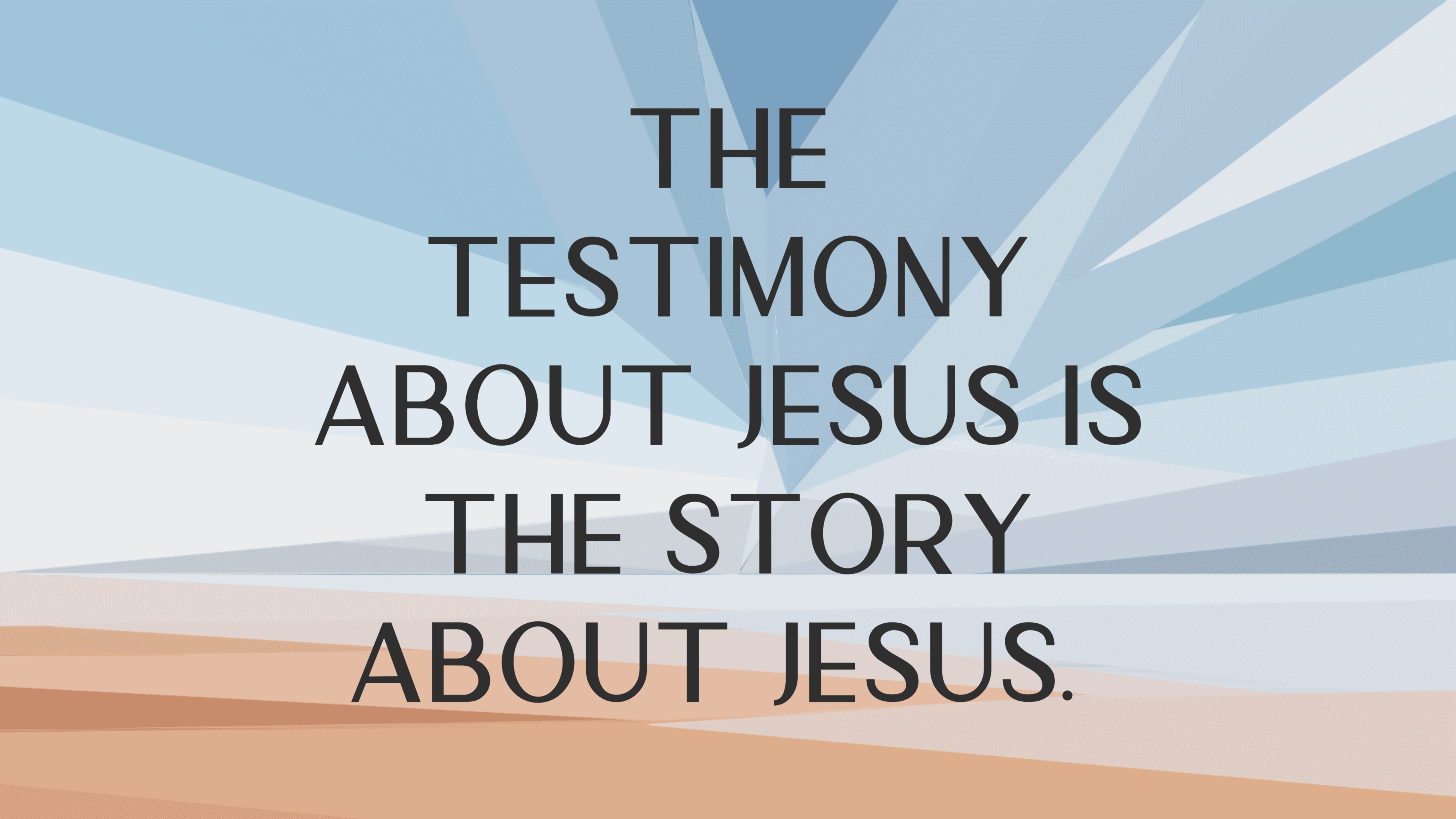
This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

3 PROBLEMS:

1. The Testimony is strong.
2. Transference – the untrustworthy doubt the truthful.
3. Testimony about meaningful actions makes a story.

TO REALLY BELIEVE
THE TESTIMONY,

YOU HAVE TO ENTER
THE STORY.

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THE
TESTIMONY
ABOUT JESUS IS
THE STORY
ABOUT JESUS.

1.

**YOU ARE THE COMPLETE
PERPETRATOR.**

**Am I legitimate? Do I have the right to be here?
Can I face any accuser?**

3 SAMPLE EPISODES:

- 1. Pilate and the Crowds**
- 2. Watchers and women**
- 3. Rulers, soldiers and criminals**

Luke 23:28 - 3

Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then ""they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

THE CHANGE:

1. Escape self-righteousness and hypocrisy
2. Escape false and ignorant emotionalism
3. See the folly in testing God
4. See the folly and evil for the Mob – and giving into it

2.

**YOU MAY END UP THE
COMPLETE VICTIM
LIKE JESUS**

**Am I safe in all this evil and chaos?
Why chose the 'good' instead of survival?**

THE PERFECT TRAGEDY

What if everything bad happens to me? Everything I fear and deserve?

JESUS IS THE PERFECT TRAGEDY

You can't get more tragic than Jesus

THE PERFECT VICTIM

- You are subjected to the worst pain and death in your youth and prime
- You are humiliated though you are righteous
- Your friends either betray or desert you
- You're judged guilty, though innocent, and a truly guilty person is set free instead of you
- Every social group denies you justice
- Everything is designed to erase your existence

THIS IS YOUR CALLING.

Luke 9:23

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

**Philippians 3:10, Romans 6:4,
Colosians 2:12, Galatians 2:20...**

WHY FACE THIS?

It's the only way to stare at death and not be broken by it.

Find the emotional security Christ himself had.

Find an honest courage and dependence on God.

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"a witness" to the true story. So unafraid of death, s/he can live by grace and truth.

IS JESUS A MYTH?

If no: a Myth is the mystical made literal.

Jesus also makes the literal literal.



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