

## What Jesus Thought about People Like Us

John 5:30-47

Series Review: The Glory of Christ in the Gospel of John

- We've looked at **glory** in John 1:14, 27; 2:11; 17:5.

Our passage today has two verses which use the word **glory**. Glory here means *praise* (5:41, 44).

(1) "I do not receive **glory** from people." (5:41)

- In other words: "I don't need man's praise or testimony on my behalf."

- Note this is not *some* people... this includes even John the Baptist! (5:40; see 5:33-34)

- Only God's testimony matters. This is why the Old Testament – God's Word – witnessing to Christ is so important! (John 5:39-40, 46-47)

- What's the problem with us? "...For Jesus knew what was in man." (John 2:23-2:25)
  - This is why He did not pander to us, or rely on flattery.

(2) "How can you believe, when you receive **glory** from one another and do not seek the **glory** that comes from the only God?" (5:44)

- Wait... why can't people believe? (according to this verse)
  - Because they do not seek glory. The right kind of glory—the glory that comes *from* God.

- People don't care what He thinks as much as what others think. The praise of men! (See John 12:42-43)

- If you do seek His glory, here's what happens...

To the Lord's Supper

### Questions for Further Reflection and Application:

1. Read John 5:30-47.
2. Look at what Jesus thought of John the Baptist's testimony in 5:33-34, 40. Similarly, if you are a believer in Christ, think about your own testimony: why is your testimony a good thing to share, yet limited?