

His witness, your verdict

John 5:31-47

Since there is enough evidence to believe that Jesus is God, why do so many people ignore the evidence?

John 5:31; Deuteronomy 19:15

Witnesses

John 5:33-40; John 3:2; John 1:18

Turning away from evidence

John 5:41-44; Matthew 5:3

Societal trends

The Scriptures are shallow enough for a child to wade in,
yet deep enough for an elephant to swim in.

— Origin, *Homilies on Leviticus*



Considerations for the week

Sometimes people are drawn to a preacher's personality more than to God's voice. How can we recognize the difference? What does it mean to enjoy the lamp but ignore the Light?

Comment upon the concept that the incarnate Christ Jesus revealed the availability of a personal relationship with God that may have been less obvious from a simple reading of prior scripture.

When one comes to Christ seeking salvation, how does admitting "I bring nothing to the table" open the door to receiving Christ?

Some read the Bible from a "me" perspective to validate themselves, rather than as a discovery of God. How might we avoid making it our story and not His?

Christians accept the work of God enabling our understanding that we are sinners in need of a Savior. And then we all-too-often struggle to gain insight, not recognizing that salvation and growth are the result of God's grace and not any ability we have. Why must spiritual bankruptcy come before spiritual sight?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.
— John 5:39-40, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

Isaiah 1:18

2 Corinthians 13:14

Prayer today Eugene and Arlene De La Cruz will be praying for us during the service today. Please write your requests and praises on a card from the pew back and place it into the offering plate as it passes.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *This Is My Father's World*

Call to worship

Hymn, *All Hail King Jesus*

Hymn, *He Is Exalted*

Hymn, *Majesty*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Way Maker*

Hymn, *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn, *Speak, O Lord*

Message

Hymn of response 372, *Living for Jesus*

Benediction

Postlude, *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. On hold due to kitchen renovations – due to resume on August 12

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm

Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am

Meets next week, August 8

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

Will resume in the fall:

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational

English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Mother's Day Out

Will resume August 18.
Tuesdays and Fridays

Registration
is now open.

rtbc
online giving



BLAST! Our children's ministry will resume August 26.

Orientation will be August 19.

Let the office know if you'd like to volunteer to help.

Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.