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**“That You May Believe”
Evidence, and the Will to Believe**

John 5:30-47
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1. Consider the Evidence that Jesus is God (5:30-39).

2. Our Hang-up is not the Evidence; It's Our Will (5:39-40).

3. We Want Our Own Glory, not God's Glory (5:41-47).

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Has anyone ever said something to you like the following statement? "I admire your ability to simply believe without questions. I am too skeptical for that. God would have to appear before my eyes for me to believe."

2. Do you think the problem for the person in question 1 is a need for more evidence? See the parable of the rich man in Lazarus, specifically Luke 16:27-31.

3. According to our passage, what is keeping the religious leaders from believing? See John 5:39-40. See also John 3:19; Rom 1:18-19; Matt 23:37.

4. Jesus says they refused to believe because they wanted to be esteemed by people (John 5:40, 44). How is the praise of God different from the praise of man? See Matt 10:28; 25:21.

5. You'll likely not be able to answer every question a person has. Since people's biggest problem in believing is not evidence but the will to believe, does this empower you to tell others about Jesus?

6. It's been said that we must speak to God about men before we speak to men about God. Given the above texts, how much of a role should prayer play in our evangelism?

7. It is God who changes people's hearts and wills. Spend some time now praying with one another for those that God is stirring you to share his gospel with. Give thanks to God for changing your heart and will.