

On the Evidence of Three Witnesses

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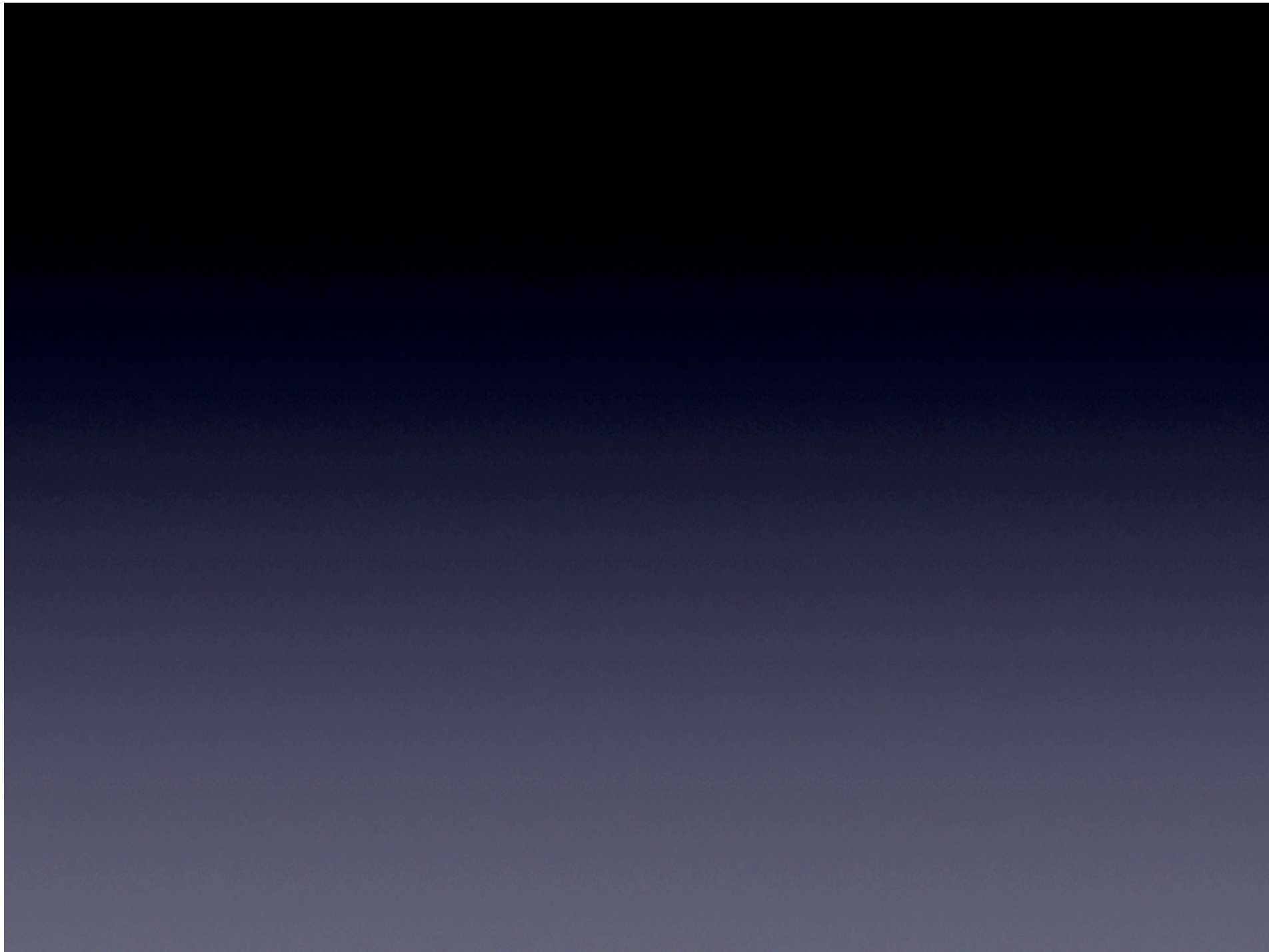
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John 20:27-28

Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

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REVIEW

The Sign - The paralytic man is healed
after 38 years of illness

Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

John 5:18

For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

REVIEW

The Claim- Jesus is equal with the Father

The Evidence

1. In Divine Works - He does the same works as the Father
2. In Divine Power - He sovereignly gives life like the Father
3. In Divine Honor - He will receive the same honor as the Father
4. In Divine Judgement - He is given authority to judge from the Father

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John 8:14

“Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

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(in your estimation)

Deuteronomy 19:15

“A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.”

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Theme of John 5:31-47

Jesus Christ's assertion that He is equal with the Father is true on the basis of the Father's testimony through three tangible witnesses: John the Baptist, the works of Jesus and the written Word of God.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

1. John's testimony was to the truth - v. 33
2. John's testimony was that he is the forerunner to the Messiah - John 1:23; Isaiah 40:3
3. John's testimony was Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world - John 1:29
4. John's testimony was Jesus is designated by the Father as Messiah - John 1:33
5. John's testimony was Jesus is the Son of God - John 1:34

The Testimony of the Works of Jesus Christ - John 5:36

John 1:1, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.....And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:49

Nathanael answered Him,
“Rabbi, You are the Son of
God; You are the King of
Israel.”

John 2:11

This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

John 3:1-2

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

From that day on, many of the Samaritans
believed in Him because of the word
of the woman who testified, “He told
me all the things that I have
done.” and they were saying
to the woman, “It is no longer because
of what you said that we believe, for
we have heard for ourselves and know
that this One is indeed the Savior of
the world.”

John 4:53-54

So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself believed and his whole household. This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

The Testimony of the Scriptures

1. Scripture originates from the Father - v. 37
2. Scripture points to the Lord Jesus Christ -
v. 38-47

Luke 24:25-27

And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.

Genesis 22:18

“In your seed all the nations of the earth
shall be blessed, because you have obeyed
My voice.”

Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the
obedience of the peoples.

Isaiah 9:6

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

What are the 3 Witnesses to the Deity of Jesus Christ?

1. John the Baptist
2. Works of Jesus Christ
3. Scriptures

