

Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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The Case for Christ

Which of you could stand in a court room and provide the evidence to prove who Christ is, was, and will ever be?

Our goal for this year will be to provide and prove unequivocally that Jesus was indeed the Christ.

◊ Witnesses

In our case to prove that Jesus was indeed the Christ we have begun a new line of evidence by interview Witnesses. In our second day of witnesses we interviewed those who were affected by Jesus Himself.

Through their testimony we were able to see what they saw, hear what they heard, feel what they felt, and know what they knew. However, our adversary has convinced people that they had something to gain if Jesus was indeed the Christ. Thereby making the truth of their testimony in question. For, even the demon had something to gain!

Today we use our adversary's argument against him. Today we turn to those who had something to lose if indeed Jesus was the Christ. Those who saw, heard, felt, and knew about this Jesus and yet turned their eye away from the truth. The truth that would have caused them harm if indeed this Jesus was the Christ. What they have to say will provide the proof we need.

Witnesses

* What does it mean to be a witness?

to duplicate or repeat
to affirm that one has seen or heard or experienced something, or that he knows it because taught by divine revelation or inspiration

* The scribes and Pharisees

What did they have to lose?

Authority—Jesus had all authority

* The Sadducees

What did they have to lose?

Their beliefs—Jesus is the resurrection

* The High Priests

What did they have to lose?

Their place—Jesus removed the old law

* The real question is—Did these men believe

Not all but some—Nicodemus, Joseph, even some rulers

* Satan

What did he have to lose?

Everything—Jesus proved himself to be the Lamb of God

* Even those who had something to lose believed that He. must be the Christ