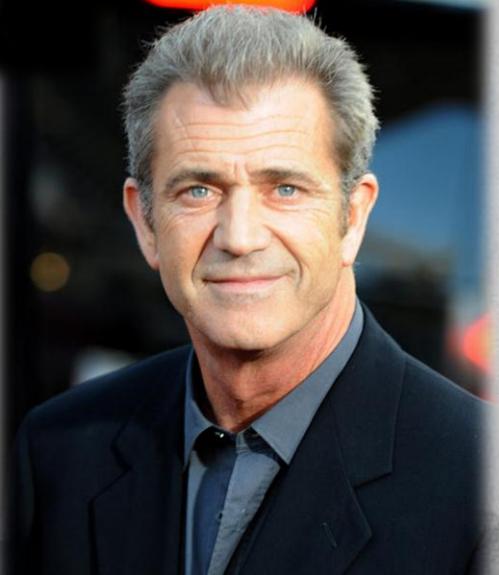




**From  
Accuser  
to Belief**

**John 5:25-47**

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# From Accuser To Belief

## John 5:25-47

- ◆ Things to remember
- ◆ 1) Christ has been informally accused
- ◆ 2) John wants to encourage our belief
- ◆ Believe is here 7 times in 23 verses
- ◆ After we believe in Christ we will be unbelievable / rejected

## **John 5:25 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>25</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ Why is Christ having this conversation?
- ◆ Because it's about life and death - now and forever
- ◆ We are born dead; Christ must speak life into us
- ◆ If you're a believer, the same power is at work in and for you now

## **John 5:26-29 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself.

<sup>27</sup> And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ Verse 29 is NOT an argument for doing good to get to heaven
- ◆ Those who live differently and end differently than those without life
- ◆ The reality of heaven and hell - 2 different post-death existences
- ◆ We like God and Jesus, but not the hell or after death “stuff” – it’s all or nothing!

## John 5:30-36 (English Standard Version)

<sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not deemed true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ You say you know God- but you don't know Christ
- ◆ You can't leave out Christ- and you can't leave out the Christ that claims to be God!

## **John 5:37-38 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent Me has Himself borne witness about Me. His voice you have never heard, His form you have never seen,  
<sup>38</sup>and you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe the One whom He has sent.

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ Their zeal for religion and self-made goodness blinded them
- ◆ Doesn't mean we should abandon religion
- ◆ We must recover and live a religion that we can pass on to our children
- ◆ A high view of God who stooped down into history to die for our sins and lives now, and invites us to LIVE

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ Christ says "You don't understand because you reject the evidence"
- ◆ Proclaim faithfully to the unbeliever
- ◆ Believe the evidence

## **John 5:39-41 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me, <sup>40</sup>yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people.

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ How did they miss the whole point of Scripture?
- ◆ 1) They valued the teachings of men
- ◆ 2) They valued the praise of men
- ◆ The OT (their Scripture) is full of allusions/references to Christ....
- ◆ They were in Jerusalem to celebrate God's grace - and they missed it!
- ◆ We're here today to celebrate Easter and the risen Christ - are you missing it?

## **John 5:40 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>40</sup>yet you refuse to come to me that you may  
have life.

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ Why don't they want to come to Him?
- ◆ Belief means dying to self-love and self-improvement
- ◆ We want a Messiah that makes much of Himself - and us!

## **John 5:44-47 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>44</sup>How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father.

There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup>For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup>But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

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## John 5:25-47

- ◆ You say you follow Moses - he's accusing you of religious, self-righteous arrogance
- ◆ What does it all mean?
- ◆ 1) You are not and cannot make yourself good enough
- ◆ We only have 2 options:
  - ◆ a. good in us
  - ◆ b. good given to us

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- ◆ 2) You can't accept praise for post-salvation goodness
- ◆ 3) We must be broken of self-love
- ◆ 4) God wants your love
- ◆ 5) We must honor, obey, worship and deeply desire God through Christ
- ◆ (Belief and perseverance)

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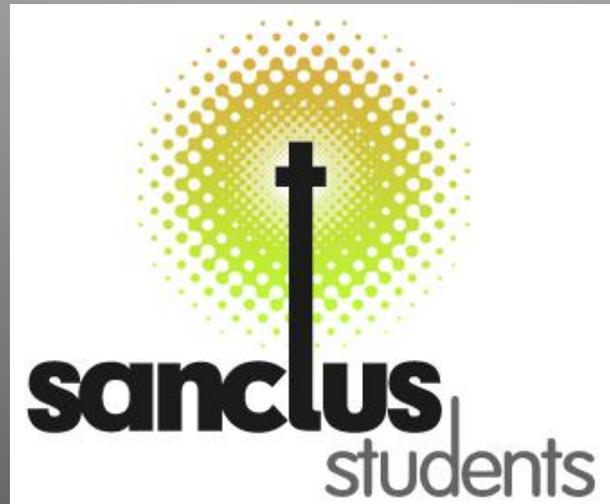
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