SCRIPTURE: John 5:16-47

SERMON: <u>Witnesses for the Prosecution</u> 22 May 2016

INTRODUCTION

A. WORK: CREATIONAL WORK (5:8,9; 17)

B. WORD: EQUALITY CLAIM (5:17,18)

C. WITNESS: COMPELLING TESTIMONY (5:30-47)

WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION (see 5:38,40,42,43,45)

A. SON: DOUBLE OR NOTHING (5:30-32; see 17f; 19,21-23,26; for Jesus)

B. *PROPHET*: **SENT**, **DELIGHTED** IN (5:33; see 1:7f; 3:26f /Ps.132:17 /Mt.21:25; Lk.7:26; for Jews)

C. FATHER: WORK GIVEN (5:36; see 17; 10:25,38; 14:11; 15:24; for Jesus)

C. FATHER: WORD SPOKEN (5:37,38; see 1:29f; (Mt.3:17; 17:5; Jn.12:28 /1Pt.1:17); for Jesus)

B. *PROPHET*: **SEARCH, GLORY IN** (5:39-44; see Mt.6:1,5,16; Rom.2:29; 1Th.2:6 /2Tm.3:15; for Jews)

A. *MOSES*: **PROPHET LIKE HIM** (5:45-47; see Rom.3:20; see Gen.3:15 (Rev.13:3); Ex.20:1 (Col.1:13); Lev.16:21 (Heb.9,10); Num.24:17 (Mt.2:2f); Deut.18:15 (Acts 3:22; 7:37); see Lk.24:25,27,44f; for Jews)

CONCLUSION

- A. UNBELIEF IS CONVICTED BY THESE WITNESSES (5:38,40,42,43,45 with 5:1f,17f,30f)
- **B. JESUS BELIEVED THE WITNESS OF THE FATHER** (5:36-38; see C,C above)
- C. SEEK GOD FOR FAITH SO THAT YOU WILL BELIEVE THE WITNESSES (5:19,30 with Mt.13:15,16; see Jn.6:44; Eph.2:5f; Ezk.37:9; Lk.11:13)
- **D.** *BEWARE* **OF THE FAITH-KILLING EFFECTS OF PRIDE IN SPIRITUAL THINGS** (5:39f; see Mt.6:1,5,16; Gal.5:19f; Jms.3:13f; 1Tm.3:3f)
- **E. WORSHIP GOD! GIVE** *ALL* **YOUR FAITH, HOPE, LOVE &** *GLORY* **TO HIM** (Jn.5:1-47; see 1Cor.10:31; 1Pt.4:11; see Rev.4:8f & 5:11f)

<u>Discussion question:</u>
Brethren, `what shall <u>WE</u> <u>do</u>? (see Acts 2:37f)