

John # 12

“The Defense Rests”

John 1:14-18

John like a prepared attorney cross-examines a series of witnesses to provide compelling testimony to bolster his case for Jesus Christ being the One and only Son of God.

John’s idea of believing is not simply some esoteric experience like faith for faith’s sake which says as long as you just believe hard enough, you’ll be in!

Biblical faith is based on evidence and that’s why John provides eyewitness accounts of miraculous signs that he observed Jesus perform.

Biblical faith is NOT blind; it’s concise, rational and well thought-out.

John’s common theme is that all witnesses are giving concise, objective, truthful, verifiable information and you are called to the witness stand to share the Gospel too!

Witnessing for Jesus Christ is not all about us; it’s not that Jesus did something for me and now I feel better and act better; that doesn’t testify to the truth of who Jesus Christ is, it’s what Jesus did for all men and how He can be known personally by anyone who desires to know Him.

Evangelism is all about who Jesus Christ claimed to be and it answers the question: Was He truthful in portraying His Father and Himself?

The book you have in front of you makes it very clear that He was everything He claimed to be and much more!

God’s plan is declared to us in time through His written Word which is the mind of the Living Word.

Biblical truth is the outline of God’s plan categorically so it can be understood, believed and applied.

When you know the Living Word from the Written Word, then you can actually use the grace of God to the maximum.

Grace means God’s plan has always existed in His mind and truth is its proclamation through His Word.