

# “WITNESS” IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

This reflects the language of the courtroom such as in the Old Testament where the truth was to be established based on multiple witnesses (**Jn.8:17-18; 19:15; Du.17:6**). This 'witness' or 'testimony' in the Gospel of John, concerning Jesus Christ, is a major theme.

**DEFINITION**

Strong's Greek Number: G3140 (Greek: μαρτυρέω) (English: *martureō*)

Occurrences: 120 times in New Testament. 46 times in Gospel of John (38%)

To be a witness, to bear witness, i.e. to affirm that one has seen or heard or experienced something, or that he knows it because taught by divine revelation or inspiration.

>> To give (not to keep back) testimony

>> To utter honorable testimony, give a good report

>> To conjure, implore

| <b>OCCURRENCE IN JOHN</b>  | <b>EXAMPLES IN JOHN'S GOSPEL ACCOUNT</b>   |
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| <p><b>WITNESS</b></p> <p>1:7-8 (2)      8:18 (2)      18:23<br/>                     5:31-33 (3)      10:25      18:37<br/>                     5:36-37 (2)      15:27</p> | <p><sup>7</sup>The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.”(<b>Jn.1:7-8</b>)</p> |
| <p><b>BEAR WITNESS</b></p> <p>3:28      8:14      15:27<br/>                     5:31      8:18      18:23<br/>                     5:36      10:25      18:37</p>         | <p>“Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.” (<b>Jn.3:28</b>)</p>  |
| <p><b>RECORD</b></p> <p>1:32      8:13-14 (2)      19:35<br/>                     1:34      12:17</p>  | <p>“And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.”(<b>Jn.1:32</b>)</p>   |
| <p><b>BARE WITNESS</b></p> <p>1:15      1:34      12:17<br/>                     1:32      5:33      19:35</p>   | <p>“John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.” <b>Jn.1:15</b>)</p>   |
| <p><b>TESTIFY</b></p> <p>2:25      5:39      15:26<br/>                     3:11      7:7</p>  | <p>“And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.” (<b>Jn.2:25</b>)</p>  |
| <p><b>TESTIFIETH</b></p> <p>4:39      4:44      13:21</p>  | <p>“And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.” (<b>Jn.4:39</b>)</p>  |
| <p><b>BEARETH WITNESS</b></p> <p>5:32      8:18</p>  | <p>“There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.” (<b>Jn.5:32</b>)</p>  |
| <p><b>BAREST WITNESS</b></p> <p>3:26</p>   | <p>“And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.” (<b>Jn.3:26</b>)</p>                    |
| <p><b>BEAREST RECORD</b></p> <p>8:13</p>   | <p>“The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.” (<b>Jn.8:13</b>)</p>   |