

# John 5:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

## Analysis

Jesus claims 'greater witness than that of John'—His works themselves testify that the Father sent Him. Miracles serve as divine credentials (cf. Acts 2:22). The phrase 'the same works...bear witness of me' indicates that Christ's works are not His own but the Father's working through Him, validating His mission.

## Historical Context

Jesus' miracles exceeded John's (John 10:41). These signs—healing, feeding thousands, raising the dead—demonstrated divine authority and fulfilled messianic prophecies, providing visual testimony to His identity.

## Related Passages

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do Christ's works testify to His divine mission and authority?
2. What is the relationship between miraculous works and the witness they bear to Christ's identity?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐγὼ δὲ ἔχω τὴν μαρτυρίαν μείζω τοῦ Ἰωάννου· τὰ  
I But have G3588 witness G3173 G3588 than that of John G3588  
G1473 G1161 G2192 G3141 G2491

γὰρ ἔργα ἂ τὸν δωκεν μοι ὁ πατήρ ἵνα τελειώσω  
for the works that hath given me the Father to finish  
G1063 G2041 G3739 G1325 G3427 G3588 G3962 G2443 G5048

αὐτὰ τὰ ἔργα ἂ ἐγὼ ποιῶ μαρτυρεῖ περὶ<sup>1</sup>  
the same the same G3588 the works that I do bear witness of  
G846 G846 G2041 G3739 G1473 G4160 G3140 G4012

ἐμοῦ ὅτι ὁ πατήρ με ἀπέσταλκεν·  
me that G3588 the Father me hath sent  
G1700 G3754 G3962 G3165 G649

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 10:25** (Witness): Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

**1 John 5:9** (Witness): If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

**John 15:24** (Parallel theme): If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

**John 2:23** (Parallel theme): Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

**John 3:2** (Parallel theme): The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

**Matthew 11:4** (References John): Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

**John 3:17** (Parallel theme): For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**Acts 2:22** (Parallel theme): Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

**John 5:32** (Witness): There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

**John 4:34** (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.