

John 8:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

Analysis

Jesus cites the law the Pharisees claim to uphold: two witnesses establish truth. By Jewish legal standards they profess, His testimony should be accepted. This shows Christ doesn't oppose the law but fulfills it perfectly, meeting even its judicial requirements while transcending them.

Historical Context

Referring to 'your law' emphasizes the Pharisees' claim to be law's keepers and interpreters. Jesus demonstrates He knows Torah better than they do and meets its standards perfectly.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus fulfill the law rather than abolishing it?
2. What does it mean that Christ meets every righteous requirement?
3. How can you rightly use Scripture rather than weaponizing it?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐν	τῷ	νόμῳ	δὲ	τῷ	ὑμετέρῳ	γέγραπται	ὅτι	δύο
G2532	in	G3588	law	also	G3588	your	It is	that	of two
	G1722		G3551	G1161		G5212	G1125	G3754	G1417
ἀνθρώπων	ἡ	μαρτυρία	ἀληθῆς	ἐστίν					
men	G3588	the testimony	true	is					
G444		G3141	G227	G2076					

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 19:15 (Witness): One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Deuteronomy 17:6 (Witness): At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

Hebrews 10:28 (Word): He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Matthew 18:16 (Word): But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

Galatians 3:24 (Word): Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

2 Corinthians 13:1 (Word): This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

Revelation 11:3 (Witness): And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Galatians 4:21 (Word): Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

