

## **Sermon Listening Guide (June 7, 2026)**

**Scripture:** John 5:37-47

**Sermon Title:** “The Power of the Word”

### **First Thoughts**

What do you think it means to have “a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures?”  
(Acts 18:24)

In John 5, Jesus spars with critics who cannot acknowledge his deity or power.

### **Misusing Scripture**

In verse 39, Jesus admits his critics have studied Scripture diligently.

Ancient Jewish scribes and Pharisees believed a love of Scripture would bring eternal life.

While they loved Scripture, they overlooked the fact that it pointed to Jesus. The Bible is more than a “Family Book” and not a weapon to beat others up with.

Scripture is valuable in that it points to Jesus Christ.

### **Love of God**

The Jewish religious leaders loved to draw attention to themselves.

For that reason, they needed to downgrade Jesus.

Thinking Jesus is a good man or great healer is an insufficient view of Christ.

Those that cannot confess the deity of Jesus are lost.

### **Belief**

In verses 45-47, Jesus reminds his critics that he will be their final judge.

Their lack of belief in him was going to doom them to Hell.

In Luke 24, Jesus opened Scripture and the eyes and minds of some disciples.

How often do you open Scripture?

How has it changed your life?

### **Final Thoughts**

Those that are honest in their need for a Savior are saved.

The Bible points to Jesus in each book and story.

As you read the Bible, are you surrendering to Jesus?