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“And the Father who sent me has Himself testified concerning me. You have never heard His voice nor seen His form, ³⁸nor does His word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one He sent. You haven’t heard or seen Him.”
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- Jesus is saying that you have not seen Him or heard His voice, but that He has seen and heard the Father!

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“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”
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- The Bible doesn't give life. It proclaims the One who does.

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