

The Gospel of John: That You May Believe  
*The Witness of John the Baptist*  
John 1:19-34 (page 739)

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The Messiah is h e r e (*John 1:19-28*)

- W h o are you? (vs 19-22)

I am N O T...

- the C h r i s t (v 20; 1:8; 3:28; Mal 3:1)
- E l i j a h (v 21a; 2 Ki 2:11-12; Mal 4:5-6; Lk 1:17; Mt 11:11-14; 17:12)
- the P r o p h e t (v 21b; Dt 18:15-22; Jn 1:45; 4:28-29; 7:40)

I A M...

- the v o i c e (v 23; Isa 40:3; Mt 3:1-3; Lk 1:76-77; Jn 1:6-7; Rom 10:14-16)
- t e l l i n g you that Messiah is h e r e (v 24-28; Matt 3:11-12; Mk 1:7)

L o o k at H i m, the L a m b of God (*John 1:29-34*)

- He is...
  - the S a v i o r of the whole w o r l d (v 29; Gen 22:6-8; Ex 12:1-13; Isa 53:1-12; John 4:42)
  - the S u p e r i o r One (v 30; 3:31-36; Acts 4:12; Col 2:9-10)
  - the One who is n o w r e v e a l e d (v 31-33; Mk 1:9-11; Matt 3:13-17; Lk 3:21-22; 1 Cor 12:13; Tit 2:13; 1 Peter 1:18-20; 1 John 1:1-2)
  - the Son of G o d who brings e t e r n a l life (v 34; 5:21-26; 8:12; 10:10; 11:25-26; 1 Cor 12:13; 2 Pet 1:3-4)

*Taking it further.....*

What do you notice about John the Baptist's attitude and testimony concerning Jesus and his responsibility in proclaiming Him? What is his emphasis? What are his priorities? Do these attitudes and responses teach you anything about your attitude and responsibility to testify of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know who you *are*? Do you know who you *are not*? Do you know who *Jesus is*? Why are these issues important as we serve Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

John calls himself "*the voice*". Why? How important is it to speak the "good news" to people as opposed to those who say they don't speak but rather let their life do the speaking? How does that square with the Bible? Discuss. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that Jesus really is the Savior of the whole world, God's own sacrificial Lamb? Do you ever tell others about that? How do you tell them? If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**Growth Group**  
**Sermon Study Helps**  
John 1:19-34 (Week Three)

(Note: This guide is to help *facilitate* discussion with your Growth Group. Use it as a *RESOURCE* for the group in discovering and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be questions you *do not want to use* and there may be instances where the group *chooses to focus on a particular point, verse or truth*. This guide is to assist the group in growing in their relationship with Christ and the Scriptures, thus, it is not necessary to complete all of the points in the discussion guide...use this with flexibility and not as a rigid task list to get through. God's richest blessing upon you all.)

**Intro:**

This week, we see more detail of the very first witness to the Person and Work of the Word...Jesus Christ. This testimony comes from John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Messiah, who not only announces His presence but calls people to repentance in preparation to receive the salvation of God through His Lamb. Perhaps it can cause us to reflect on what God has called each of us to be doing as followers of Jesus...what do you think?

**Discussion Questions:**

What do you notice about John the Baptist's attitude and testimony concerning Jesus, as well as, his responsibility in proclaiming Him? What is John's emphasis? What are his priorities? Do these attitudes and responses teach you anything about your attitude and responsibility to testify of Jesus?

Why did the Jews ask John if he was Elijah? That "prophet"?

Do you know who you *are*? Do you know who you *are not*? Do you know who *Jesus is*? Why are these issues important as we serve and proclaim Christ?

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Why did John cry out "in the wilderness" rather than in the temple?

What thoughts come to mind when he calls Jesus "the Lamb of God"? Why?

What were the two messages that John delivered in our passage? How do those points correspond to the message we have to share about Jesus?

**Taking it to the streets....**

Do you believe that Jesus really is the Savior of the whole world, God's own sacrificial Lamb? Do you ever tell others about that? How do you tell them? If not, why not?

What appears to be the priority of John's life? What is the priority of your life? Does that line up with God's calling for you as a follower of Christ? Why or why not?

How does John handle those who oppose him or are hostile to his message? What can you learn from John as you share Christ with people like that?