

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"The Witness Of God"
John 1:19-37
Part-4

Matthew 3:7-10

Matthew 11:11

John 1:1-18 – Prologue: (Who Jesus Is)
John 1:19-12:50 – Public Ministry: (3 years)

John has already been mentioned, John 1:6,15; now we hear his witness.
John 1:19 – "This is the testimony of John,"
John 1:32 – "John testified"
John 1:34 – "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Theme Of John – The Deity of Jesus Christ. "Jesus: God And Savior"

Thought Of Our Passage: "No Greater Privilege Or Honor Than To Be A Voice That Announces Jesus Christ, The Son Of God."

- 1. Verses 19-28 – The Witness Of God**
- 2. Verses 29-37 – The Introducing Of God**

1. Verses 19-28 – The Witness Of God:

John 1:19

"This is the testimony of John," – "record, report, testimony, witness."

Only John's Gospel records the first 7 Days, John 1:19 – John 2:11, and the first year of Jesus' ministry.

Luke 1:5-25 – the key verse in Luke 1:17

Luke 1:80

Matthew 11:11

Verses 19-21 – John's Blunt Confession: "when the Jews sent" (The Sanhedrin – the governing body of Israel).

"to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem" – They belonged to the party of the Pharisees. John 1:24

“and Levites from Jerusalem” – They were descendants of Levi who were appointed by God to assist the priest. (Temple Police)

“to ask him, ‘Who are you?’” – Deuteronomy 13:1-5;18:20-22.

John The Baptist Could Not Be Ignored: Matthew 3:4-6.

John 1:20 – “I am not the Christ.” – “the anointed One, the Messiah.”

John 1:21

Malachi 4:5-6

2 Kings 1:8

Luke 1:17

Revelation 11:3

Deuteronomy 18:15 – Peter and Stephen both use this passage to refer to Jesus, Acts 3:22-23; 7:37.

Verses 22-23 – An Anonymous Voice: John 1:22-23.

Isaiah 40:3

Martin Luther, “The Bible is alive; it speaks to me. It has feet; it runs after me. It has hands; it lays hold of me!”

“I am A VOICE” – John placed the prominence upon God, not the preacher!

What was this straight way for? It was for God to reach man!

Isaiah 40:4

Low spots are filled in, the high spots are leveled, the crooked spots are straightened out, and the rough spots are made smooth.

Verses 24-28 – A Challenged Authority: John 1:24.

“Pharisee” means “the separated ones.”

John 1:25 – Term “baptizing” – “baptizo”, “to dip, immerse, sink.”

John 1:26

“John answered them saying, ‘I baptize in water,’” – John does not answer as to his authority, but limits his baptism to water! Matthew 3:5-6.

Baptized – symbolized “a person’s need publically to be cleansed, and their readiness to receive the Messiah.”

John called Jews to a baptism of repentance, in effect because of their sin. You are outside of Abraham’s covenant with God. You must repent like a Gentile and come to God as if for the first time.

John 1:27

John 3:30

Isaiah 9:6

John 1:28

Pictures Of Jordan River: “These things took place in Bethany” – is “Bethabara” which means “the place of passage.” Tradition was that this place was where the Israelites entered into the promised land under Joshua. Jericho ford, some 20 miles north of the Dead Sea.

“beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.” – John already baptized Jesus, Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22.

2. Verses 29-37 – The Introducing Of God:

John 1:29

Genesis 22:7-8

“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” – Jesus is the Answer to the question “where is the lamb?”

“takes away” – means “to lift up, to carry away, to remove” the sin of the world! Note “sin” not sins; the totality of the world’s sin!

Isaiah 53:7

1 Corinthians 5:7

John 1:30-33

Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22

“this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.” – Jesus would give regeneration, the new birth, salvation.

1 Corinthians 12:13

John 1:34 – The title “Son of God” used 11X; John identifies Jesus as God.
John 5:18

John 1:35 – This was Andrew and probably John; never says his own name,
John 1:39.

John 1:36 – John’s mission to point men to the Messiah, John 1:7.

John 1:37 – “walked after Jesus.”

Application:

1. John Was A Lamp But Not The Light. John Was A Voice But Not The Word. Am I Willing To Be An Anonymous Voice For Jesus Christ?
2. It Is Very Possible To Grow Up With Jesus And Yet Not Really Know Jesus. Is Jesus Your Lamb Of God Who Takes Away The Sin Of Your World?