

## The Witness of John

Week 17: John 1:19-34 §§29&30

This is the testimony of John, when **the Jews** sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." 21 They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "**I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,'** as Isaiah the prophet said." (**Isaiah 40:3**)

What do you think these people were worried about? What was their purpose?

What is the context of the Isaiah passage – If this is who John was, what does the Isaiah passage tell us about John?

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him, and said to him, "**Why then are you baptizing**, if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands **One** whom you do not know. 27 It is He who comes after me - the thong of whose sandal I

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am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

What does this say about the meaning of baptism in Jesus' culture?

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Why do you think John compared himself to the "One" like this?

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29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world! 30 "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He **existed before me.**' 31 "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might **be manifested to Israel**, I came baptizing in water." 32 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not recognize Him, but **He who sent me** to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who **baptizes in the Holy Spirit.**' 34 "I myself have seen, and have testified that **this is the Son of God.**"

Consider what each of these words meant:

- "Lamb of God" \_\_\_\_\_

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- "He existed before me" \_\_\_\_\_

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- "...so He might be manifested to Israel..." \_\_\_\_\_

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- "He who sent me to baptize in water..." \_\_\_\_\_

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- "...the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit..." \_\_\_\_\_

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- "...this is the Son of God." \_\_\_\_\_

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John 8:17-19

17 "Even in your law it has been written, that the testimony of two men is true. (Duet 17:6-7) 18 I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me."

How many witnesses were at Jesus' baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the unique thing about Jesus according to John, and how does it apply to us?

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