

## The Gospel of John

John 1:19-35

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### Purpose of John's Gospel

To enable anyone

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ to faith
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ in faith

*"These are written so that you may continue ["come" in NRSV] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name."*

~John 20:31, NLT

### Outline of John's Gospel

1. The Prologue (1:1-18)
2. The Mission of the Son in Doing Signs & Giving Life (1:19-12:50)
3. The Death of the Son and the Mission of the Disciples (13:1-19:42)
4. The Resurrection of the Son and the Mission of the Disciples (20:1-21:25)

### John the Baptist's Background

- The miracle son of Zechariah (priest) and Elizabeth; told by the angel Gabriel to name him John, that, "He would be great in the eyes of the Lord" (Lk. 1:15, NLT).
- A prophet of God – popular, charismatic, confrontational – "...filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth" (Lk. 1:15, NLT)
- He wore coarse camel hair clothes with a leather belt and he ate locusts and honey
- Called for a new kind of baptism with water – for Jews and Gentiles alike – as a public profession proving that persons had turned to God to receive forgiveness for their sins
- Baptizer of Jesus (Jn. 1:32)
- Imprisoned and eventually beheaded as a favor to Herodias, King Herod's wife for calling King Herod out for marrying his brother's wife (which was against the law)

### The Testimony of John the Baptist

*"This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, 'Who are you? He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah.'" John 1:19-20, NLT*

→ John knew \_\_\_\_\_ he was - identity

### The Ministry of John the Baptist

→ John knew \_\_\_\_\_ God wanted him to do - calling

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ the coming of God  
*"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Clear the way for the Lord's coming!'" John 1:23, NLT*
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God  
*"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:23, NLT*
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the power of God  
*"I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'" John 1:32-33, NLT*
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ the person of God  
*"I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God." John 1:34, NLT*

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(write your name here)

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