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# **Gospel of John**

## **John 1:19-28**

# **The Testimony of John the Baptist**

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# John 1:6-8

*There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

1. John is a witness (Light)
2. He is not the light
3. Goal-That all might believe

# John 1:19-23

19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” 21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” 22 So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23 He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

# John 1:24-28

24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” 26 John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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JC Ryle notes here: “It gives the idea of a man shrinking with holy indignation from the very thought of being regarded as the Christ.”

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***Malachi 4:5-6 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome/terrible day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”***

***2 Kings 1:8 They answered him, “He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.”***

***Matt 3:4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.***

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***Matthew 11:13-15*** For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is ***Elijah*** who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

***Luke 1:16-17*** And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and ***he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah***, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

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***Matthew 11:9*** What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

***Deut 18:18*** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.



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