

I Believe: The Case For Well-Informed Faith
Why Should I Believe John the Baptist's Testimony?

John 1:19–28
The Lord's Day Morning
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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

—John 20:30,31

John the Apostle has just made the opening statement in his defense of Jesus' unique claims to be the God of Creation (8:58), the Savior of the World (4:42), and the Judge of all people (5:22). For these claims, Jesus was prosecuted, condemned, and executed (5:18). Now John is appealing that verdict. In this morning's text, John calls his first witness: John the Baptist. In John's testimony, we find three attributes of a credible witness: truth, humility, and courage.

1. Speak the _____.

2. Practice _____.

3. Display _____.