

John 1 - A man called John

Detour – A man named John

Luke 1:5-80 – The birth of John

Matthew 3:1-6

Mark 1:4-8

John 1:6 – *There came a man sent from God...*

-He came as a witness of the Light... (1:7-8)

-That all might believe through him

-John was not the Light

-He bore witness of the Light

-Who are you? (1:19-21)

-I am not the Christ!

-I am not Elijah! – Matt. 11:14, 17:9-13; Luke 1:17

-I am not the prophet! – Deut. 18-15-18; John 7:40

-Who are you? (1:22-24)

-I am a voice crying in the wilderness... Isaiah 40:3

(Matt. 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4)

-Why are you baptizing? (1:25-26)

The inference is that John lacked the authority to baptize.

John baptized under the divine authority of the One who stood among them. He later states that Jesus would also baptize, but with the Holy Spirit!

-The thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie (1:27)

There was a rabbinic saying, “Every service which a slave performs for his master shall a disciple do for his teacher except the loosing of his sandal-thong.”

-Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29)

The Old Testament question of “where is the lamb” is answered, “*behold the Lamb of God!*”

-He has higher rank than I (1:30)

-He existed before me

-I did not recognize Him... (1:31)

-I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. (1:32)

-I have seen... (1:34)

-I have born witness...

-This is the Son of God!

Epilogue: (1:35-37)

-John was standing with two of his disciples...

-John looked upon Jesus...and said, “Behold the Lamb of God”.

-And the two disciples...followed Jesus.