



The Witness of John The Baptist

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John 3:22-36

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John The Last Prophet

Hebrews 1:1 - 1:3

God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds, who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power; who, having accomplished cleansing for sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

John's Last Witness

Read: 1:15; 19-37

Matthew 3:13 - 3:17

Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him. And after being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him, and behold, there was a voice out of the heavens saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Setting The Scene

22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. 23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized— 24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

Highlights

- In order to see the Kingdom of God you must be born again. (V.3)
- The New Birth Can Only be preformed by God. (v.6)
- Those Who Believe in Jesus will have eternal life (v.15)
- The Love of God gave to the world His Son so those who believe in Him will have eternal life. (v.16)
- Those who do not believe in Jesus remain in Hell (v.18)
- Men love darkness rather than the light of Jesus Christ. (v.19)

The True Believer Lives a Life of Obedience to Christ

John 3:21

But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been done by God.”

1 John 2:3 - 2:6

And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, truly in him the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

The Heart of The Follower of John

25 Therefore there arose **a debate** between John's disciples and a Jew about purification. **26** And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have borne witness, behold, He is baptizing and **all are coming to Him.**"

- Possibly Jealousy
- Zealous for there Master

What Do You Think About Jesus?

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” - A.W. Tozer

John Bear Witness of Jesus Christ

27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’”

1 Corinthians 4:7 (v.27)

For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

John 1:20 (v.28)

And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. **30** He must increase, but I must decrease.

Jesus is From The Father

31 “He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

- **1 Corinthians 15:47**
The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.

John 5:33 - 5:36

You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. But the witness I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was the lamp that was burning and shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But the witness I have is greater than the witness of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness about Me, **that the Father has sent Me.**

32 What He has seen and heard, of that He bears witness; and no one receives His witness.

John 3:11

Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and bear witness of what we have seen, and you do not accept our witness.

John 8:26

I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I am saying to the world.”

33 He who has received His witness has set his seal to this, that God is true. **34** For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. **35** The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

- To set Your seal on something is to: Believe it or sign off on it. (v.33)

John 4:34 (v.34)

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.

Isaiah 11:2 (v.34)

The Spirit of Yahweh will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of Yahweh.

John 5:20 (v. 35)

For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

“And now let us bow
down before the Majesty
of our Gracious God”