

John 1:19-28

John's Faithful Witness to the Jews

1. John is _____ by the Jewish Leaders: (19, 28)

- a. When: the first day of John's first _____ of Jesus' ministry:
 - i. Continues John's literary connection with _____. –*John 1:1*
 - ii. Helps to coordinate these events with the _____. –*Mk 1:12*
- b. Where: Bethany across the Jordan. –*John 10:40; 11:18*
- c. Who: priests and Levites from the Jews in Jerusalem. –*John 3:1; 11:47*
- d. What: find out who and what he _____ to be. –*John 2:18*

2. John Confesses Who He _____: (20-21)

- a. He is not the Christ:
 - i. The _____ one whom the Lord would send. –*Ps 2:1-12*
 - ii. Who is in fact _____. –*John 1:41; 4:25-26; 9:22*
- b. He is not Elijah. –*Mal 4:5; Matt 11:14; Lk 1:17*
- c. He is not the Prophet:
 - i. Who Moses prophesied would come after him. –*Deut 18:15-19*
 - ii. Who is in fact Jesus the _____. –*John 4:19; 6:14; 7:40; 9:17*

3. John Explains Who He _____: (22-23)

- a. He was the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:1-5. –*Matt 3:3; Lk 3:4*
- b. He prepared Israel to recognize and receive the _____. –*Mal 3:1*
- c. He announced the revelation of the _____ of the LORD. –*John 1:14*

4. John Announces Who Was _____: (24-27)

- a. The Pharisees want to know why he was baptizing: –*John 3:1; 4:1*
- b. John answers them:
 - i. They are asking the _____ question. –*John 5:44; 11:47-48*
 - ii. Unknown to them, the _____ stands among them:
 1. He is infinitely _____ than John –*John 1:15*
 2. He is of no _____ to them. –*John 5:44; 11:47-48*

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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."

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.