



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Beholding, following and exalting Jesus

IDENTITY

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19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

John 1:19-34



**WHO ARE
YOU?**



I am *not*...



- the light v6-8
- the Messiah/Christ v20
- Elijah v21 (c.f. Malachi 3:1, 4:5)
- 'The Prophet' v21 (c.f. Deuteronomy 18:15, Acts 3:22-23, 7:37)
- worthy v27
- to be the focus of attention

I am...



- *The voice of one calling in the wilderness v23 (c.f. Isaiah 40:3)*
- A preparer of people to receive Jesus v23
- A witness to God at work v6-8, 32
- A truster in God's promises v33
- A declarer of Jesus' identity v29, 34

Jesus is...

V23 the promised and coming Lord

V26 among the people...

V26 BUT not known/recognised/understood

V27 utterly worthy

V29 revealed as the lamb of God (c.f. Genesis 22, Exodus 12)

V29 the *remover* of the world's sin

V30 eternal

V33 revealed by the Spirit

V33 filled continuously with the Spirit

V33 baptiser of others in the Holy Spirit

V34 God's Chosen One/Son of God



I can...



- Be Forgiven...my sins removed from me v29
- Behold Jesus and know Him v29-30
- Be immersed in the Holy Spirit v33
- Become a child of God v12-13
- Be a preparer of people to receive Jesus v23
- Be a witness to God at work v6-8, 32
- Be a truster in God's promises v33
- Be a declarer of Jesus' identity v29, 34