



that you may believe

— THE GOSPEL OF JOHN —

The testimony of John the Baptist
A Progressive Revelation

John 1:19-21

This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" He came right out and said, "I am not **the Messiah.**"

"Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you **Elijah?**"

"No," he replied.

"Are you **the Prophet** we are expecting?"

"No."

Who is John NOT?

the Messiah

Elijah

the Prophet

John 1:22,23

“Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?”

John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

I am a voice crying in the wilderness- Prepare the way of the Lord

Isaiah 40

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“Shout that people are like the grass. Their beauty fades as quickly as the flowers in a field.

The grass withers and the flowers fade beneath the breath of the Lord. And so it is with people.

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.”

O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, “Your God is coming!”

Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power.

He will rule with a powerful arm.

See, he brings his reward with him as he comes.

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John 1: 24-28

Then the Pharisees who had been sent asked him, “If you aren’t the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?”

John told them, “I baptize with water, **but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize.** Though his ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal.”

This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

John 1:29 – 34

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 He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is **far greater than I am**, for he **existed long before me.**’ 31 I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.” he is **the Chosen One of God**”

John 1:29 – 34

Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who **will baptise with the Holy Spirit.**’ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”

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John 3: 22 - 30

Then Jesus and his disciples left Jerusalem and went into the Judean countryside. Jesus spent some time with them there, baptizing people.

At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism. (This was before John was thrown into prison.) A debate broke out between John's disciples and a certain Jew over ceremonial cleansing.

John 3: 22 - 30

So John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us."

John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.'

John 3: 22 - 30

It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom's friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success. He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

John 3: 31 - 36

“He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else. He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true. For he is sent by God. He speaks God’s words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit.

John 3: 31 - 36

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