

The Testimony of John the Baptizer

John 1:19-34

John's Position (who he was not)

John 1:19-21

- John emphatically confessed he was **not the Christ** – 1:19-20
- John was **not Elijah** – 1:21; Mal. 4:5; Matt. 11:13-14; Lk. 1:17
- John was **not the prophet** – 1:21; Deut. 18:15, 18-19; Acts 3:19-23
- Our position is like that of John's
 - We are not the Christ
 - We have no glory to claim as your own
 - We must not detract from Christ's glory

John's Profession

John 1:22-28

- The messengers pressed John to explain himself – 1:22
- John's **profession** was a **voice** preparing the way for the Lord's glory – 1:23; Isa. 40:3-5
- John was questioned further about **his** profession
 - They asked specifically about his **baptism**, indicating its importance – 1:24-25
 - John answer pointed them to **Jesus'** **superiority** – 1:26-28
- Do you know your **profession** in God's plan? – 1 Pet. 2:9-10

John's Proclamation

John 1:29-34

- Proclaimed Jesus is the **Lamb of God** – 1:29
 - There are several lambs this might refer to – Ex. 12:11-13; 1 Cor. 5:7; Ex. 29:38-42; Isa. 53:7; Acts 8:32-35; Mt. 3:11-12
 - This lamb takes away the sin of the **world**
- Proclaimed Jesus' superiority and pre-existence – 1 :30-31; 1:1-3; Rom. 6:3-5
- Proclaimed Jesus to be the **Son of God** – 1:32-34
- What is **your proclamation** to the world?