

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

John 1:19-37

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **Day 1**

Read John 1:19-37

This is the testimony of John,
when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
 "Who are you?"
And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed,
 "I am not the Christ."
They asked him,
 "What then? Are you Elijah?"
And he *said, "I am not."
 "Are you the Prophet?"
And he answered, "No."
Then they said to him,
 "Who are you,
 so that we may give an answer to those who sent us?
 What do you say about yourself?"
He said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,'
 as Isaiah the prophet said."
Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.
They asked him, and said to him,
 "Why then are you baptizing,
 if you are not the Christ,
 nor Elijah,
 nor the Prophet?"
John answered them saying,
 "I baptize in water,
 but among you stands One whom you do not know.
 It is He who comes after me,
 the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."
These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan,
 where John was baptizing.
The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said,
 "Behold, the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world!
This is He on behalf of whom I said,
 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I,
 for He existed before me.'
I did not recognize Him,
 but so that He might be manifested to Israel,
 I came baptizing in water."
John testified saying,
 "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven,
 and He remained upon Him.
I did not recognize Him,
 but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me,

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‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him,
this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’

I myself have seen,
and have testified

that this is the Son of God.”

Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,
and he looked at Jesus as He walked,
and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”
The two disciples heard him speak,
and they followed Jesus.

1. Who is testifying in this passage and what do we know about him from previous sermons?
2. Who sends the priests and Levites to question John?
3. What question do the priests and Levites ask John and how does he answer?
4. How many times does John deny being someone?
5. What titles or identities do the questioners bring up? What might their selection of titles reveal about their expectations?

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6. What question do the Pharisees ask after John's denials?
7. How does John describe his role quoting Isaiah 40:3?
8. How does the quotation in verse 23 referencing Isaiah 40:3 connect to its original OT context?

❖ Day 2

Read John 1:19-37 again.

9. What does the imagery of "making straight the way" suggest in its original context?
10. What location details are given about where John baptizes?
11. What title does John give Jesus when he sees Him?

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12. What reason does John give in verse 30 for why Jesus was greater than himself?

13. What does John testify of seeing?

14. What was the reason given in verse 31 for why John was baptizing in water?

15. What other passages in Scripture inform our understanding of the title lamb of God and how does that give insight to our passage?

16. How many times does John bear witness in this passage?

❖ Day 3

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17. What is John's disciples' response to hearing John proclaim Jesus as the lamb of God the second time?

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18. What does John say the lamb of God does?

19. What sign does John describe seeing in relation to the Spirit?

20. How does our passage contrast John's baptism and Jesus'?

21. What does John say he has now "seen and has testified to"?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that our hearts would be prepared to receive the word in humility and that we would be ready to point others to the Lamb of God as John did.