

**Jesus: The Lamb of God**  
**John 1:19-36**

**Introduction**

John has just completed his thematic preview, a theological prologue that introduces this most theologically oriented gospel. In it he has proclaimed in no uncertain terms that the Logos the Word is the divine light that has come to enlighten a dark world. To those who will simply believe on Him they can become children of God. John having taken us back to the beginning before time and space, before creation itself, now proceeds with the Gospel story that contains earthly and temporal aspect as evidenced by the references to days, times and location. But at the center is John's elevation of Jesus as evidence by who He is and what He has done.

**The Structure**

\* Witness- 1:19----1:32 John bore witness

\* Time Indicators

1:29 Next day

1:35 Next day

1:43 Next day

2:1 Third day (speaking of the day that included 1:43)

\* Names for Jesus

The Christ

Jesus

Lamb of God

Son of God

**The Situation**

This passage functions as a transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. Just as the nation of Israel needed "grace upon grace" this is seen in the provision of two people; John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah. John the apostle has taught his audience that the Word is God who enlightens the darkness of the world with the light of God. John the Baptist has been introduced bearing testimony of Jesus 1:15-18. John the apostle now continues the proclamation concerning the contrast of John the Baptist and Jesus the messiah. REMEMBER: 1:17 Law through Moses...Grace and Truth through LJC

**The Solicitation of Identification from John the Baptist 1:19-23**

The Identity of John the Baptist

Lk 1:11-25

Mathew 11:14 17:9-11

Mal. 4:5-6

The Question to John :19b

The Answer of John :20

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John assumes they think he is the Christ because of his morality, purity and baptizing role to call the nation to repentance.

The Question/ Response :21

“Are you...?”

1. Elijah Mal 4:5-6 Mat 11:14 Sir 48:10  
Rabbis looked for eschatological end with Elijah coming in power  
JC saw John the Baptist as this Matt 11:14 17:9-11

2. Prophet Moses was a prophet and said to look for future one Deut 18:18

“Who are you?” :22

If not the Christ, Elijah or Prophet Moses then who?  
They need to tell the boss something. John Baptist knows more than the Rel leaders

### **The Spiritual Identification of Jesus the Messiah from John the Baptist 1:23-34**

John Response :23 (Prophetic Preparation for Messiah and Nation)

Isa 40:3 Israel has been judged for sin in captivity (Isaiah 1-39). Now blessing of release from captivity and future restoration and millennial kingdom (Isa 40-66).  
This is the opening to the new day and a new way with Messiah.

What and Why are you Doing What you are Doing? :24-25

If not Christ, Elijah or Mosses what and why do this  
Baptism is key issue

John’s Response :26-27 (Moral Comparison)

(I am unworthy of Him--:27 General)

\*Time Transition / Continuation of Johns Response :28

John’s Response :29-34 (Theological Clarification) similar to 1:15-18?

Theological Concept- 1:29

The Sin Substitute in the OT (Type?)

The Sin Substitute in the NT (Antitype?)

**1 John 2:1-2** And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

**1 John 4:10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**1 Timothy 2:5-6** For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *borne* at the proper time.

Essential Comparison :30

( He existed before me :30 HE the Word is eternal Specific)

John is a man vs Jesus is preexistent eternal Logos, Word, explains God 1:1-14

Sacred Command :31-34

1. John did not know it was Jesus the messiah until God showed him :31
2. John was to manifest Jesus to the nation of Israel Lk 1:76 He is a prophet.
3. John is shown the messiah through the act of God :32-33
4. John through baptism was calling the nation to repent and associate with the coming of the anointed one.

5. Baptism

The Focus

Jesus Baptizing (3:22,23, 4:1,2)

John Baptizing (1:25, 28, 31 10:40)

The Form

Baptizo Emersion in water

(Water motif in John 2:7,9 3:5, 23 4:7,10 11 13 14 46 5:2 7:38 13:5 19:34)

Rabbis saw water as representing Divine wisdom

Some called: torah teaching as wisdom water. (Heresy was bad water)

The Function

- Ritual religious cleansing- tied to repenting

- Relational identification- tied to changing the mind ie repenting

Jesus is identified with the nation in a corporate way through John Bapt

Matt 3:15

The Final Purpose

Jesus will baptize in the Spirit and call into relationship and restoration all those who will repent (Change their minds about Him) and believe. The future role of the Spirit in the lives of the messiah's people is seen in chapters 14-17. The theology of the baptism with the spirit is seen in I Cor 12:13, I Cor 6:17-20 II Cor. 6:16 and Eph 4:4.

**Summary:** John the Baptist came to introduce and announce to the world the Word, Jesus the son of God and to connect Him to the ministry of John (Repentance and Purity) and the nation of Israel that they might have life in His name.

**Points to Ponder**

1. We are like John the Baptist in that we are called to introduce this dead world to the living Word.
2. We are to live in a way that His name is be magnified and lifted up above our own.
3. We need to understand the penal substitution atonement of Christ for our sin.

**We are not our own we have been bought with a price- Therefore glorify God**