John Lesson 3

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INTRODUCTION

- It is not simply a chronological story of the life of Christ, but rather it is a treatise that tells us that he is the Christ, that is the Son of God.
- You'd either say that Jesus is all that he claimed to be the Son of God, or else he is a liar.
- I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father except by me.

1 I Am Not the Christ

John 1:19–21

- There were others besides Jesus who declared that he's the Son of God. It wasn't just the claim of Jesus himself, but others also testified to it.
- And he confessed and denied not. But confessed, I am not the Christ.
- The Jewish teachers and leaders were looking for the coming of the Messiah. The word Messiah literally means the anointed one.

2 Not Elijah, but in the Spirit and Power of Elijah

Malachi 4:5; Matthew 17:11; 1 Kings 18

- Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
- Elijah truly shall first come and restore all things. But I say unto you that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not.
- John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah.
- Here was a man who was willing to stand against all odds, against the majority.

3 Not That Prophet, but the Voice Crying in the Wilderness

Deuteronomy 18:15–18; Isaiah 40:3; John 1:23

- Even Moses had said that God would raise up a prophet like unto him.
- Moses led the children of Israel out of the Egyptian bondage. And Jesus Christ leads God's children today out of the bondage of sin.
- I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.
- He is the one sent by God as the forerunner, preparing the way for Jesus Christ.

4 Why Baptizest Thou? A Baptism of Repentance

John 1:25–28; Acts 19:4; Hebrews 10:4

- Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias or Elijah, neither that prophet.
- I baptize with water. For there standeth one among you whom you know not.

- His mission was to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.
- Neither the animal sacrifices nor the baptism of John, in and of itself, could literally take away sins. Only the blood of Jesus Christ could do that.

5 Behold the Lamb of God

John 1:29–31; 1 Peter 1:18–19

- Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.
- The Lamb of God refers to the sacrifice that he would be.
- With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- Chronologically, John the Baptist was probably about six months older than Jesus. But Jesus was eternal.

6 I Bear Record: This Is the Son of God

John 1:32–34; Matthew 3:13–17

- I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.
- Here at the baptism of Jesus Christ is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- And I saw and bear record that this is the Son of God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you be willing to accept the testimony of John the Baptist? Would you be willing to accept the declaration of Jesus? He is the Son of God. Will you come to Him and accept His grace?**

MY NOTES