

JESUS THE WITNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

John 1:19-28 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

²³ He said: "I am *'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the LORD,'* ' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴ Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

²⁵ And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.

²⁷ It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

I. Witness # 1 John the Apostle!

a. Verses 1-18

II. Witness # 2 John the Baptist

a. Verses 19-28

III. The first witness could not be questioned, because his testimony came after the resurrection of Christ.

IV. We see the Second witness, because he was a forerunner was question extensively.

a. They sent a board of inquiry from Jerusalem.

b. They could not question his credentials, because they were a product of his birth.

i. **Luke 1:5 (NKJV)**

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth.

c. The issues was the method and the message.

i. **Matthew 3:1-12 (NKJV)**

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'* "

⁴ And John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him

