

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **A Ready Heart**

John the Baptist:

John 1:6-9 (ESV)

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

The **purpose** of John's ministry was to ...

The Message of the Prophet:

Matthew 3:1-2 (ESV)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luke 3:17 (ESV)

His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

John 1:23 (ESV)

He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

The **primary** message of John was ...

"make straight the way" =

The **symbol** of this message was ...

John 1:25-27 (ESV)

They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

"Student" or "servant"?

The Lamb of God

John 1:29-34 (ESV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, **the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!** This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that **this is the Son of God.**”

Jesus is the Lamb ...

Genesis 22:2-14

Jesus is the Lamb ...

Exodus 12:3-13

Jesus is the Lamb ...

Isaiah 53:4-7

Jesus is the Lamb ...

Revelation 5:11-14 (ESV)

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Jesus is the Lamb ...