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The Forerunner of Christ

John 1:19-28
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I. Who Are You? (vv. 19-20)

- A. John is the one who was _____ from God (v. 19a)
- B. The _____ are the ones Christ came to save (v. 19b)
- C. John _____ he is not the Christ (v. 20)

II. Are You Elijah? (v. 21a)

- A. Four reasons why the Jews thought John the Baptist might be Elijah
 - 1. Elijah never _____ but was taken up in fiery chariot (2 Kgs. 2:11)
 - 2. Elijah also _____ like John the Baptist (2 Kgs. 1:8)
 - 3. Elijah _____ King Ahab (1 Kgs. 18:17-19)
 - 4. Elijah will come _____ the day of the Lord (Mal. 3:1; 4:5)

B. Four answers to this question

- 1. "I am _____" (Jn. 1:21a)
- 2. John the Baptist came in "the _____ and power of Elijah" (Lk. 1:17)
- 3. "Elijah has _____ come" (Matt. 17:10-13)
- 4. "If you are willing to _____ it, he is Elijah" (Matt. 11:11-14)

III. Are You the Prophet? (v. 21b)

- A. This question came from the prophecy of _____ (Deut. 18:15-18)
- B. This question had no clear answer in first-century _____ (Jn. 6:14; 7:40)
- C. This question had a clear answer from _____ and Stephen (Acts 3:22-23; 7:37)
- D. This question is directly _____ by John the Baptist (Jn. 1:21b)

IV. What Do You Say About Yourself? (vv. 22-24)

- A. The Jews are trying to _____ John the Baptist (vv. 22, 24)
- B. The Jews missed the _____ of John the Baptist (v. 23)

V. Why Are You Baptizing? (vv. 25-28)

- A. With what _____ are you baptizing? (v. 25)
- B. Among you stands _____ you do not know (vv. 26-27)
- C. This took place in Bethany _____ the Jordan (v. 28)

TAKE HOME

- What _____ do you have today about various teachers or ministries?
- Are you a _____ crying out in the wilderness?
- Do you consider yourself _____ to untie the sandal of Jesus?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 1:19-20. Who was this delegation sent from? Why did they care? What does Matt. 3:1-6 teach us of John the Baptist’s biography? Why do you think the Jews didn’t know this?

2. Read John 1:21a. Why did the Jews think that John the Baptist might be Elijah? (2 Kgs. 2:11; 2 Kgs. 1:8; 1 Kgs. 18:17-19; and Mal. 3:1; 4:5)

3. Was John the Baptist Elijah? Why or why not? (Lk. 1:17; Matt. 17:10-13; Matt. 11:11-14)

4. Read John 1:21b. Was John the Baptist the Prophet? How do we know? (Deut. 18:15-18; Jn. 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22-23; 7:27)

5. Read John 1:22-24. What do you think about John the Baptist’s answer? How does that show humility? From what you have learned from John’s example, how can you show more humility in your life? How does Lk. 17:10 help?

6. Read John 1:25-28. With what authority was John baptizing? How do we know? What did John’s baptism signify? How is that different from Christ’s baptism (Matt. 3:11).

7. Look at verse 26 again. How might this verse be an indictment against our “Christian” nation? Might this also be an indictment against the church? What should we do to help people come to know Jesus?

8. Which one of the take home questions challenges you or encourages you the most? Why?

*“Why then did not John cry in the temple?
Why, because Jehovah was no more there in the temple.
Judaism was but a hollow shell: outward form there was, but no life within.
It was a nation of legalists, Pharisee ridden,
who neither manifested Abraham’s faith nor produced his works...”*

- A.W. Pink, *Exposition of the Gospel of John*