



The Voice and the Glory

*The Witness of John the Baptist
from
the Gospel of John*

He came to bear witness

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

(John 1:6-8)



He is the Glory

- **Who are you, John? (1:19-28)**
- **John said, “*I am the voice...*” (1:23)**
 - Fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy (40:1-5)
 - ... announcing “*the glory*”
 - “*there stands one among you... coming after me... preferred before me... I am not worthy...*”
- **The Glory of God in flesh (1:14)**
 - “*we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father...*”



He is the Lamb of God

- Takes away the sin of the world (1:29)
 - “all flesh” (Isaiah 40:5)
 - Another prophecy (Isa. 53:7)
- The Passover Lamb
 - Whose blood saved Israel (Ex. 12)
 - “Christ, our Passover lamb” (1 Cor 5:7)
- The Sacrificial Lamb of the new covenant
 - That better sacrifice (Heb. 9:11-14)
- The Lamb that was slain (Rev. 5:6)



He is the Son of God

- **God has borne witness (John 1:30-33)**
 - One after me, but before me
 - I did not know Him as the Messiah
 - But He who sent me said...
- **Baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17)**

“... a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17)
- ***“this is the Son of God”* (John 1:34)**



He must increase

- **John's followers follow Him (1:35-37)**
 - John pointed them to Jesus
- **To whom John bore witness (3:22-30)**
 - *"all are going to Him..."*
 - It is given Him from heaven
 - I told you I am not the Christ, but...
 - I was sent before the Christ
 - He is the bridegroom
 - I rejoice greatly at His voice
 - My joy is complete



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- Jesus said:

“You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth” (John 5:33)

- The people said:

“John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true” (John 10:41)

- What do you say?



