The Voice and the Glory

The Witness of John the Baptist from the Gospel of John

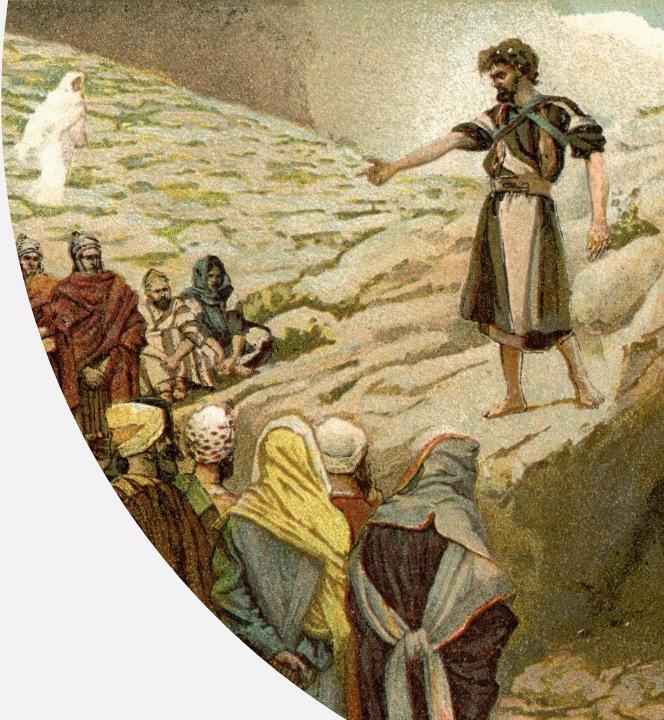
He came to bear witness

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.

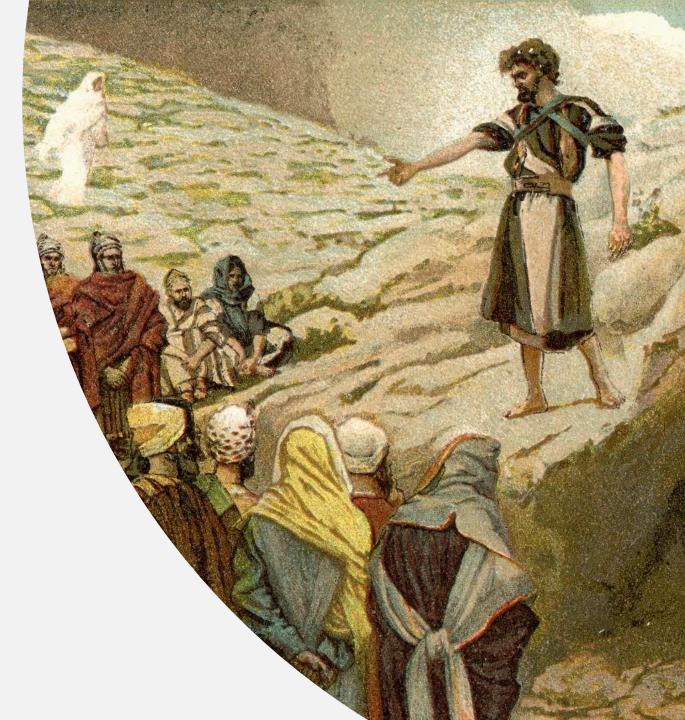
(John 1:6-8)



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

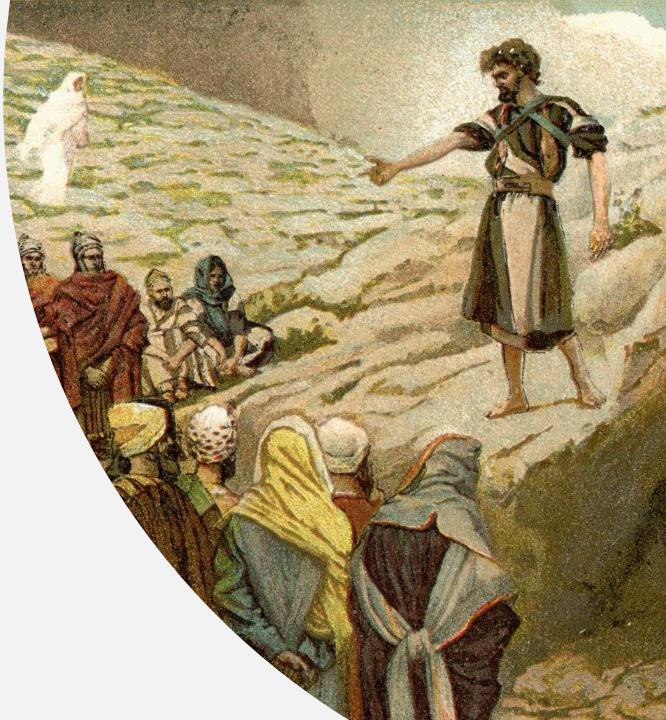
God has borne witness (John 1:30-33)

- 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?

