

Sermon Outline/Notes

“John the Baptizer: Laboring Humbly”

John 1:19-28 (1 John 1:19-34)

Introduction

- The historical record of the Son of God’s earthly ministry begins with the testimony of John the Baptizer
- Why start here? John reaffirms what was stated in verses 1-18, as the one crying out in the wilderness as the voice of the Lord to prepare the people for the coming of the Christ

I. John’s Confession (vs. 19-24)

- Who John was not (vs. 19-21)
 - Not the Christ (vs. 19-20; Matthew 3:7-12; Luke 3:15; John 2:20-22)
 - Not Elijah, nor “The Prophet” (v. 21; Matthew 11:14; Luke 7:26-28; Malachi 4:2, 5; Luke 1:17; Deuteronomy 18:15-16)
- Who John is (22-24; Isaiah 4:3; Luke 1:76-79; Matthew 3:8)

II. John’s Authority to Baptize (vs. 6-17; Colossians 2:2-3, 9-10)

- Based on Him who was coming after Him (v. 26; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Zechariah 13:1)
- John humbly takes the back seat to Jesus, the Christ (vs. 27, 15, 24)

III. John’s Final Testimony or Confession – what he was born to ultimately do (vs. 29-34) – Next week, Lord willing

Conclusion/Application

- Point people to Jesus Christ in your words and in your works – refuse to “befriend” the world (Acts 19:4; Romans 12:1-2; James 4:4)
- Be a voice of one crying the wilderness – spiritual wilderness of the world around us