

Sermon Outline

The Gospel According to John, Part 2 (John 1:19-34)

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Main Idea: This week Kevin continues our series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we look at John the Baptist's key testimony that Jesus is the Son of God. We also consider the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit through the person and work of Christ, the Lamb of God and Savior of the world.

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1. John is the Witness (v19-28)
2. Jesus is the Christ (v29-34)

Key Text/Quotes:

"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.'" John 1:32-34

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 1:1-19-34 and open in prayer.
2. Who is Jesus? In every generation people contemplate who Jesus is. Jesus himself asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" And in every generation people can get this most important of all questions wrong. Discuss why Scripture is so very important if we are to rightly know who Jesus is.
3. As was mentioned last week and again this week, John's purpose for writing (John 20:30-31) is not simply that people would come to a knowledge of who Jesus is, but rather that in truly knowing about him they might *believe in him* and *receive "eternal life."* As John the Baptist was a "witness" of Christ, discuss how Jesus makes clear that every disciple is called to be a witness that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of the world (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).
4. John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." What does it mean to "behold" Jesus? What might that look like on a daily basis?
5. Whether you have believed in Jesus for four days or 40 years, what does "believing" in him look like as a disciple? In other words, having received the gift of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, what does continuing to believe look like years and decades later? Read Colossians 1:28-2:5 and discuss what believing in Jesus might look like each and every day of our lives.
6. As is true in each of the other Gospel accounts, John reveals that Jesus is the fulfillment of OT promises. John the Baptist is the one whom Isaiah and Malachi prophesied would come (Isaiah 40:4; Malachi 4:5). What hope does this give us regarding God's promises to us in Christ, such as his second coming, that are yet to be fulfilled?
7. Close your time in prayer together.

