

TEXT OUTLINE AND NOTES

I. 1:19-34, JOHN THE BAPTIST'S TESTIMONY, *THIS IS THE SON OF GOD*

A. 19-28, John answers inquires about his personage

1. 19-20, John denies being the Christ
2. 21, John denies being Elijah or The Prophet
3. 22-24, John provides a description of himself from OT scripture for them to report back to the Pharisees
4. 25-27, they want to know why he baptizes (by what authority) and John answers about the greater one to come
5. 28, statement of location

B. 29-34, events at the baptism of Jesus identified Jesus to John

1. 29 - after having baptized Him, John identifies *the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*
2. 30, John confirms that Jesus was the one of whom he had spoken that would come after himself
3. 31-34, the baptism helped John identify Jesus
 - a) 31, John did not recognize Jesus. Baptism allowed him to recognize Jesus.
 - b) 32-34, the Spirit alighting after baptism is what identified Jesus to John
 - (1) 32, the spirit alighted
 - (2) 33, God had previously told John this would happen and be the identifier
 - (3) 34, John saw it

We have a similar role - to introduce Jesus to the world.

The seeming difficulty of not recognizing Him [for who He really was] and *I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to Me?* John recognized Jesus' piety and even knew from his family that Jesus was special, but not the fullness of His role ill. as a man does not really know his wife until after they have been married for some time.

II. THE FIRST DISCIPLES, JN. 1:35-51

- A. 35-36, John points out Jesus to his disciples. This was the last time Jesus and John were together, and John fades (cf. 3:22ff).
- B. 37-39, *two disciples...followed Jesus*.
1. Small beginnings cf. When Obama announced his running mate, millions accepted him immediately.
 2. 40, *Andrew*, Peter's brother. Was John the other disciple?
 - a. The evangelist never mentions his own name, nor that of James, nor that of their mother Salome
 - b. N.B.: *the tenth hour* (39), personal witness of exact time.
- C. 40-42, *...Simon...to Jesus*
1. "In church history, St. Peter is everything and St. Andrew is nothing: but would there have been an Apostle Peter but for Andrew?" (Pulpit) Nobody is a nobody in the kingdom of Heaven.
 2. *You shall be called Cephas...Peter*, "rock" or "stone" (Mt. 16). N.B.: *Shall be...*, future:
 - a. Jesus never called him anything but Simon.
 - b. Simon was not to bear the name "Rock" until he deserved it ill. if I called myself "Heavyweight Boxing Champion." N.B.: "Christian."
- D. 43, *Philip* follows.
- E. 44-51, *Philip found Nathaniel....*
1. Probably Bartholemuel
 2. 46, *Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?*
 - a. "Good thing": contrasts with unimportance of the city when compared to Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem, etc.? Generally despised?
 - b. *Come and see*, his strongest argument, cf.: Ps. 66:1-5; another way - pointing out what Jesus has done ill. Dirk's mother is interested in the gospel because of the change in Dirk: "He's been here."
 - c. 47-51, Jesus prophesies to Nathaniel
 - 1) 47, prophecy of character. *No deceit*, doesn't lie to self or others: a high compliment; a necessity to be a disciple "One who fulfills the true idea of Israel, a prince with God,...." Pulpit.
 - 2) 50-51: "There is more where that came from." Cf. Jacob's ladder realized.
- F. N.B.: five disciples here, seven other hand-picked "disciples" (apostles), cf. Ac. 1:15, 21-22. The question for us is, Who will be His next disciple?

Model disciples: not content to keep this to themselves.