

- I. **Theological Prologue (1:1-18)**
- II. **Presentation of Jesus (1:19-4:54)**
 - A. **By John the Baptist (1:19-34)**

- 1. **John's first witness** to the priests and Levites (Pharisees, v.24) (19-28)
 - a. The Jewish Curiosity.

The Delegation's Leading Questions	The Baptist's Response
v.19 Who are you? The Christ? (implied, see Luke 3:15).	v.20 "I am not the Christ."
v.21a Are you Elijah? (Malachi 4:5)	v.21b "I am not." (Matthew 17:10-13; 11:7-14)
v.21c Are you THE PROPHET (Deut.18:15 as identified in Acts 3:22; 7:37)	v.21d "No"
v.22 Pressure mounts. Who Are You?	v.23 "I am the VOICE ..prepare for the LORD" (Is. 40:3)
v.25 By whose authority are you baptizing? They ignored the implied authority in John's self identification as a prophet of God (v.23)	v. 26, 27 John points to the God-Man in total humility. John 3:30, "He must increase, I must decrease."

- b. Notice the many names/titles assigned to Jesus in this entire section
 - i. Lamb of God (v.29)
 - ii. Son of God (v.34)
 - iii. Lamb of God (v.36)
 - iv. Messiah, Christ (v.41)
 - v. He, of Whom Moses and the prophets wrote. (v.45)
 - vi. Son of God, King of Israel. (v.49)
- 2. **John's second witness** in Christ's presence (29-34)
 - a. Notice the chronological references
 - i. The next day. (v.29)
 - ii. The next day. (v.35)
 - iii. The day following (v.43)
 - iv. "And the third day. " (2:1)
 - b. (v.29) The Lamb of God. This is a reference to the Passover Lamb in Ex.12, and Is.53:7. (Not the goats of Leviticus 16 on the Day of Atonement.)
 - c. (v.30) Another reference to the Humanity and Deity of Jesus Christ.

- d. (v.31) John had not met him before. They were relatives (Mary & Elizabeth were cousins, Luke 1:36), John did not know Jesus was the COMING ONE until it was revealed to John by the Father.
- e. (v.32) Christ's baptism is not described in the Gospel of John. It is described in the Synoptic Gospels. The invisible Spirit of God (Third Person of the Trinity) assumed a physical shape of a dove. Thus, the human Jesus was now indwelled by the Holy Spirit of God. And, as a result of the Incarnation of the LOGOS, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Deity of the LOGOS in all His fullness, indwelled the man Christ Jesus. (I Tim. 3:16)
- f. (v.33) The Father's revelation to John the Baptist. It is Christ who baptizes believers into the REALM (Ryrie) of the Holy Spirit. See also Matthew 3:11.
- g. (v.34) This is the "SON of GOD." The only begotten, of the SAME ESSENCE as the Father and the Holy Spirit. One God , one Nature. Three persons share the same Nature. Please do not forget this CARDINAL DOCTRINE!