

- 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!