

# JOHN 1 vs 19

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The ancients tell us, John lived the longest of the 12 disciples; the original followers of the Lord; **eye-witnesses to Jesus Christ**. Where and when John was inspired to use this opening phrase **In the beginning** 8 times in his account of the Good News is unimportant to the early church leaders who affirm the message. Next John writes about

John the Baptizer, presenting the Son of God,

**19 And this is the witness of John, when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you?**

**20 And he confessed, and did not deny; but confessed, I am not the Christ / I am not the Messiah.**

**21 And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not.**

**Are you The Prophet? And he answered, No.**

**22 Then they said to him, Who are you? So that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?**

**23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as Isaiah the prophet said.**

**24 And they had been sent by the Pharisees.**

**25 And they asked him, and said to him, Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?**

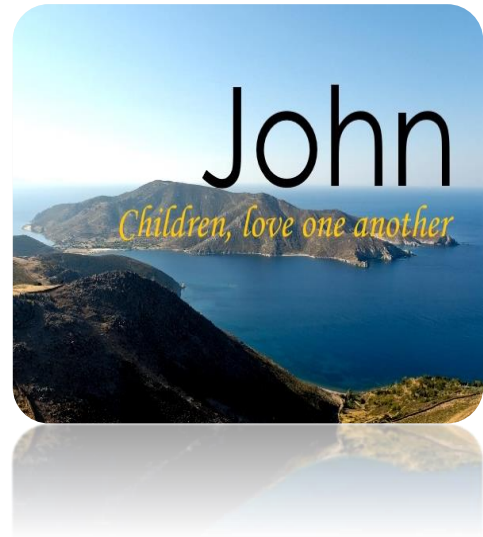
**26 John sizing up the situation, said to them, I baptize with water: but among you is One you do not know;**

**27 It is He, who comes after me, the latch of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie, who ranks over me.**

**28 These things happened in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.**

**29 And the next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said,**

**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**



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<sup>30</sup> This is He of whom I said, After me comes One who has a rank way beyond mine: for He existed long before me.

<sup>31</sup> And I did not recognize Him: but in order that He should be shown to **Israel**, therefore I come baptizing with water.

<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

<sup>33</sup> And I did not recognize Him: but He who sent me to baptize with water, the same said to me, He upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>34</sup> And I saw, and bare witness that this is the Son of God / and as Proverb 30 asks, Who ascended into heaven, or descended? who gathered the wind in His fists? who wrapped the waters in a garment? who established all the ends of the earth?

[what is His name, and what is His son's name, if you can tell?](#)

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