

The Voice and The Lamb

John 1:19-34

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John 1:19-23 — ¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah? He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’” as the prophet Isaiah said.”

I. John is the voice

Matthew 11:10 — This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

John 1:24-28 — ²⁴Now they had been sent by the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie. These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

II. John knows his role

John 3:30 — This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

John 1:29 — ²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

III. Jesus is the Lamb

Revelation 17:14 — ...and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is the Lord of lords and King of kings

1 Peter 1:18-19 — knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

John 1:30-34 — ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel. ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend on him. ³³I 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 borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

IV. Jesus is the Son of God

John 20:31 — But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Colossians 1:13-14 — ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew Henry — *He [John] was more industrious to do good than to appear great. Those speak best for Christ that say least of themselves, whose own works praise them, not their own lips.*

Fyodor Dostoyevsky — *The most pressing question on the problem of faith is whether a man as a civilized being... can believe in the divinity of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, for therein rests the whole of our faith.*

Summer Reminders:

Prayer – Tuesday & Thursday evenings & Sundays after church at noon
Church Picnics – July 20 – Aug 24 – Sept 7 – all at 4pm
Church Campout – Aug 2 2pm Saturday until 1pm Sunday (Diamond Campground)