

# GETTING STARTED

THE GOSPEL  
OF JOHN

## A Credible Witness

## John 1:19-34 (ESV)

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

## John 1:19-34 (ESV)

**22 So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23 He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”**

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**24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)**  
**25 They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” 26 John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”**

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**28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’**

## John 1:19-34 (ESV)

**31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.**

## John 1:19-34 (ESV)

**33 I 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.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”**

## John the Baptist

## John the Baptist takes the Stand

## John the Baptist's Testimony

- Jesus is the Lamb of God
- Jesus is the Son of God

## Isaiah 53:4-9 (ESV)

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

## Isaiah 53:4-9 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

## Isaiah 53:4-9 (ESV)

**⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered that he  
was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken  
for the transgression of my people?**

## Isaiah 53:4-9 (ESV)

**⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

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## Result?

1. Joyful humility
2. Unshakable boldness in witnessing

## Three Crucial Questions

Has the Lamb of God taken away your sin?

Would our families, friends, and community  
describe you as humble yet bold?

Would our families, friends, and community call  
us as a church humble yet bold?

If you would like to talk to Chuck about the sermon, please feel free to call him or email him.



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