

John 1:19–34 presents the testimony of John the Baptist as he identifies Jesus as the Messiah. This passage marks the transition from John's role as a prophet preparing the way for the Lord to Jesus' public ministry. Religious leaders from Jerusalem question John about his identity—whether he is the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet. John denies all, affirming that he is merely “the voice of one crying in the wilderness,” fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. When he sees Jesus, John declares Him “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” He testifies that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus, confirming His divine identity.

*What does it take to convince you that something or someone is true?*

### **Read John 1:19-34**

1. Who sent the priests and Levites to question John, and what does this reveal about the religious climate at the time?
2. Why do you think John the Baptist was so quick to deny being the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet?
3. What does John mean when he calls himself “the voice of one calling in the wilderness” (v. 23)? How is this a fulfillment of prophecy (Isaiah 40:3)?
4. Why were the religious leaders concerned with John's baptising if he wasn't the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet?
5. How does John's attitude toward Jesus in verse 27 contrast with the attitude of the religious leaders? Are you humble when helping others to succeed?
6. What does John mean by calling Jesus “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (v. 29)? How might this connect to Old Testament sacrificial themes?
7. What does John's testimony reveal about how he came to recognise Jesus as the Messiah?
8. Muslim apologists will say – ‘Where does Jesus say ‘I am God’ in the Bible? How would you answer them?
9. What role does the Holy Spirit play in confirming Jesus' identity (vv. 32–33)? What role does the Spirit have as we witness Jesus to others?
10. What do you find most difficult when you are sharing about Jesus? How can you overcome those difficulties?

## Prayer Points

Pray for Irene and Wendy as they are both in hospital. Please pray for Christine who is convalescing following an operation.

Pray for BMS World Mission worker Ben Francis as he leads outreach work from Kolkata. Pray especially for Ben as he trains church planters and oversees various projects.

## Sermon Notes

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# BIBLE STUDY

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## The Witness:

**John 1:19-34**

John 1–7 presents key themes that reveal Jesus' identity and mission. Jesus is the eternal Word of God, bringing light and life to a dark world. He calls people to believe in Him for eternal life, but many reject Him despite His miracles and teachings. A central theme is new birth—spiritual transformation through the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers living water and calls Himself the Bread of Life, showing He alone satisfies the soul. These chapters also highlight growing conflict and division, as people respond to Him with belief, confusion, or hostility. Through signs and deep conversations, Jesus reveals His divine nature and the offer of salvation to all, regardless of background or status.