

John #6

1:19-28

12.10.06

“This is the Witness of John”

Intro: This morning we will study the events of the first day of the historic first week of our Lord’s ministry, in which John the Baptist began to _____ of the coming _____.

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I. This is the _____ of _____.

A. John the Baptist was predestined by God to bear _____ of Christ. God caused Him to be born for the specific purpose of testifying of Christ, to ready mankind to _____ the Christ.

1. Jesus said of John the Baptist, Matt 11:11, "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist." Thus, the Baptist was an extremely well respected man whose life was ordained by the Sovereign God to bear testimony of Christ and his _____ was and is to be received and _____.

II. By the divine will of God the religious authorities in Jerusalem sent a delegation to question John thereby producing this written _____ !

A. The delegation of priests and Levites questioned the Baptist saying, “_____?” This involves more than simply asking “what is your name?”; but such a question begs for one to _____ who they are.

1. The Baptist confessed that he was “_____ the _____.”

2. The Baptist confessed that he was _____ the Old Testament Prophet _____ returned in the flesh.

3. The Baptist confessed that he was _____ the Old Testament _____ spoken of by Moses.

4. The Baptist _____ confessed that he was of no reputation but that he was a voice _____ in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' just as Isaiah the prophet said.

a. The call to “make straight the way of the Lord” is the call to _____ one’s _____, soul and mind to receive the coming Messiah. It would be a call to _____ and commitment. It was the Baptist’s cry “make straight the way of the Lord” that brought “the people” to “a state of expectation” (Luke 3:15).

B. Because the Pharisees were involved in the delegation, they wanted to know by _____ John was practicing the ceremony of baptism for repentance.

1. In answering, “I baptize in water” the Baptist affirmed that indeed he was _____ a _____ ceremony.

2. John was saying, “You ask me about my authority to baptize? It is by this _____ who stands among you, whom you do not know and whose _____ authority you do not recognize, who is a light that shines in the darkness, but the darkness does not comprehend it, whose sandal I am not even worthy of the privilege of untying, that I serve and baptize in water. I do not do this by my own authority, but by the _____ of the High and Holy One who comes after me and whom you do not know.”

Conclusion: We have the _____ of God and we have heard the truth of the Incarnate Christ, and we have John the Baptist’s testimony concerning himself and the Christ, but will we receive and _____ this truth? In this dark world will we see the Light, Jesus Christ and believe upon His name? How sad it would be to religiously attend church, give of ourselves faithfully, and study the Written Word of God, and like the priests and Levites, not know the One who stands among us with hand outstretched inviting us to come to Him that we might _____ for our weary soul. Hear the Baptist’s message and testimony! Repent and make straight the way of the Lord! Prepare your heart to receive Him! Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will _____!

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