

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"The Word and John the Baptist"

John 1:6-8

What makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man?

What we learn about the Word and God in John 1:1-2 makes Jesus qualified.

What we learn about the Word and creation in John 1:3-5 makes Jesus qualified.

What we learn about the Word and John the Baptist in John 1:6-8 makes Jesus qualified to reveal God to man.

We learn that John the Baptist was sent by God or in other words we learn that John the Baptist was sent by the Word (John 1:6).

We learn that John the Baptist came to bear witness of the light or in other words he came to bear witness of the "Word" in a way different than other prophets (John 1:7).

John the Baptist was that special "voice" that Isaiah prophesied would prepare the way of the Lord in Isaiah 40:3.

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We know that John the Baptist is that special voice because he said that he was in John 1:23.

We know that John the Baptist was that special voice based on the testimony of Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:2-3 and Luke 3:4.

Other Old Testament prophets proclaimed a message that explained the person and work of the coming Messiah. John the Baptist's mission was to announce His coming.

John the Baptist's mission was to announce the coming of the Lord. Our mission as Christians is to call people to follow Him.

John the Baptist would not consider his mission of bearing witness to the light as complete until everyone had come to believe in Christ (John 1:7).

John the Baptist was so highly respected and unfortunately even revered that John felt it necessary to re-emphasize that fact that he was simply a witness and not the light (John 1:8).

John the Baptist was the last burst of light the Word provided this world before His earthly entrance dwarfed every other light that He had provided prior to His coming.