

John the Baptizer

John 1:35-42

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I. Introduction

A. Review: John 1:19-34

1. John 1:15-12:50 is the public ministry of Jesus
2. John the apostle focuses on the first year and the last week of the ministry of Jesus
3. John the apostle – 1:1-14
4. John the Baptist – 1:15-37
5. John the apostle – 1:38

B. Overview – 1:35-42

1. John the Baptizer and two of his disciples – v. 35
2. John again calls Jesus “*the Lamb of God*” – v. 36
3. John’s disciples follow Jesus – vs. 37-42

II. The Life and Ministry of John the Baptizer

- A. His parents and birth – Luke 1:5-25; 57-80
- B. His public ministry – Luke 3:1-18
- C. His arrest and imprisonment – Luke 3:19, 20
- D. His doubts – Matthew 11:2-15
- E. His execution – Mark 6:14-29

III. The Ministry of John the Baptizer as Told by John – vs. 35-42

- A. John and Jesus
 1. Due to Mary and Elizabeth’s friendship, John (who was six months older) and Jesus grew up together
 2. John’s baptism was by water but pictures the soon to come Spirit baptism
 3. Why did John twice say, “*I did not recognize Him.*” – v. 31 and 33
- B. John and his disciples – vs 35-37
 1. John and two of his disciples (followers, trainees) – v. 35
 2. John again identifies Jesus as “*the Lamb of God*” – vs. 36 and 29
 - a. Lamb – Exodus 12; the slain Lamb – Revelation 13:8
 - b. The Lamb not a lamb
 - c. The Lamb of God, not of man
 - d. The Lamb that takes away, versus covers the sin.

- e. The Lamb that takes away the sin of the world, not a nation
3. John’s two disciples follow Jesus – v. 37
4. Holiness and obedience = discipleship
 - a. I Peter 1:3-16; 2:21-25
5. Note that it was the “*tenth hour*”
 - a. 10 a.m. Roman time, 4 p.m. Jewish time (Matthew and Mark and Luke)
6. “*Come, and you will see*” – vs. 37, 38
 - a. Come! No questions asked.
7. One of these two (verse 37) was Andrew (verses 40)
8. Andrew brought his brother Peter (verses 41 and 42) and others
 - a. John 6:4-9; 12:20-22