John 1:19-34 The Testimony of John the Baptist

Before the Religious **Leaders** (19-28)

Wanting information about the **Messiah** – the 2nd delegation (Matthew 3:7-10)

Who I am not:

The **Messiah**

Elijah (Malachi 3:1, 4-5 / Matthew 17:11-13)

The **Prophet** (Deuteronomy 18:15 / Acts 3:22-23)

Who I am:

The **voice** of one calling in the desert (Isaiah 40:3)

The one **preparing** the way – call to repentance

Why then do you **baptize**? (purpose? authority?)

I baptize with water

Symbolic of a **repentant** heart

Spirit brings regeneration

I am getting you **ready** for One you do not know

I am unworthy to even be His servant

Before **Jesus** (29-34)

Gaze upon HIM!

The **Lamb** of God

The One who takes **away** the sin of the world (I John 2:2)

The One who surpasses me because He was before me

God's revelation to John

His **job**: to show Jesus to Israel (Acts 20:24)

His **experience**: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove"

His knowledge:

The Spirit will come upon the Messiah

The Spirit will **remain** upon Him

This is the One who will **baptize** with the Holy Spirit

His **testimony**: "This is the Son of God"

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