

The Gospel According to John: The Word Became Flesh

Lesson 2: John the Baptizer
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Review

- * A word is a vessel for conveying an idea. The Word conveyed the true idea of God to humanity (14:9).
 - * The Word (Jesus) became flesh to help us understand God, to redeem us, and to show us the way to God.
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John the Baptizer - John 1:19-34

► Explore It

- * 1. What did John say about who he was? (1:20-22)
- 2. In what way was John a "voice of one calling in the desert"? (1:23)
- 3. What does the phrase "make straight the way for the Lord" mean? (1:23)
- * 4. How did John "make straight the way for the Lord"? (1:23)
- 5. Why did the Pharisees care that John was baptizing people? (1:24)
- 6. What did John say he was not worthy to do? (1:27)
- * 7. Who did John say was coming after him? (1:27)
- * 8. Why did John call Jesus the Lamb of God? (1:29)
- * 9. What did John mean that Jesus surpassed him because He was before him? (1:30)
- 10. What reason did John give for baptizing Jesus? (1:31)
- 11. Why did John come to baptize people? (1:31)
- 12. Why did the Spirit come down upon Jesus? (1:33)
- * 13. What title did John ascribe to the person he baptized? (1:34)

► Get It

- * 14. In what ways can you honor Christ with your accomplishments?
- 15. In what situations is it difficult for people to be humble?
- * 16. If you had been John how would you have felt about your role?
- 17. In what ways is your life like John's?
- * 18. How do we receive the forgiveness that Christ bought for us?
- 19. In what way do you share Jesus' identity as a child of God?
- 20. Who did Jesus baptize in the Holy Spirit?

► Apply It

- * 21. In what way can you be a voice for Jesus?
 - 22. How can you honor Jesus' Sonship with your life this week?
 - 23. What steps can you take to appreciate better who Jesus is?
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Related Topics

- * Who were the Jews? (1:19) The Pharisees? (1:24) * Compare Christian baptism with John's baptism.
- * Why did the Jews think John might be Elijah? (1:25) * What other baptisms are there? Which is Eph 4:5?

Note: Study guides for this series of lessons are available on the Internet at www.howellfamily.us/john.htm