



**Sermon Title: "I Am the Voice of One"**

**Scripture: John 1:19-37**

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Today we re-meet a man who, when asked who he was, kept telling who he was *not*.

*'Who are you?'* they asked him. *'I am not the \_\_\_\_\_.'*

*'Who then? Are you \_\_\_\_\_?'* And he said, *'I am not.'*

*'Are you the \_\_\_\_\_?'* And he answered, *'No.'*

Jesus said of John, in Matthew 11:11, *'Among those born of women, there has arisen \_\_\_\_\_ than John the Baptist.'*

## **I. THE MESSAGE OF JOHN**

- John was not one to draw attention to himself. But, even more clearly, he wanted to draw attention to \_\_\_\_\_.
- *'Why then are you \_\_\_\_\_ if you are not Messiah, or Elijah or the prophet?'*
- **Baptizo** – *'to baptize, to dip, to immerse, \_\_\_\_\_.'*
- Baptism became closely associated with \_\_\_\_\_.
- John's baptisms took place not in Jerusalem but in Bethany \_\_\_\_\_.

## **II. THE NEXT DAY**

- On the day after John denied himself to point to another, \_\_\_\_\_, and ours by the way, arrived. Verse 29 – *'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'*
- The Lamb, an image which pointed back to \_\_\_\_\_ in Exodus 12:1-13.
- It was the Lamb slain in Goshen that provided safety for the Israelites when the \_\_\_\_\_ passed over their home in Egypt.
- John made sure the focus was on Jesus. He says, *'I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.'* (Matt. 3:11)
- John's baptism with water is to symbolize \_\_\_\_\_ that has taken place.
- The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus at His baptism but would ultimately be given at \_\_\_\_\_ at the founding of the church (Acts 2).

- Since Jesus was to bring both the baptism of the Holy Spirit and of fire, the latter must refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ when judgment will be delivered.
- John 1:19 & 34 – ‘*And this is the testimony of John . . . I have seen and have borne witness that this is the \_\_\_\_\_.*’

### III. ONE MORE DAY

- We are working through the diary of the Apostle John. John never allowed his followers to mistake the message for the messenger. He told all who heard him that the one who came after him \_\_\_\_\_ than him.
- John was the voice, but he was not the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Baptist understood that he served at the will and for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_.
- After John 1, John the Baptist pretty much disappears from the scene. At the end of Chapter 3, his followers question that Jesus’ disciples are baptizing, and John utters that well-known statement, ‘*He must increase, but I must \_\_\_\_\_.*’
- **Remember, the purpose of the Gospel of John is to show that Jesus is the Son of God.**