

Mystery Man

1. Last week we covered a brief statement concerning John the Baptist. Discuss further the background and ministry of this man.
 2. What were some suggestions as to John's identity? Why do you think he may have been considered one of these important people?
 3. Verse 27 reveals John the Baptist's attitude. What was that attitude and how can we have a similar attitude?
 4. John points out Jesus, calling Him "the Lamb of God" (v. 29). How does the Lamb "take away the sins of the world"?
 5. Describe the impact of having your sins taken away.
 6. John the Baptist was a dedicated witness for Christ. What were some characteristics that led to his success? Of these, which can we do?

¹⁹Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."
"Are you a prophet?"

And he answered, "No."
22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

²³He said: "I am 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.
²⁵And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.
²⁷It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worth to loose."

²⁸These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

³⁰This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ³¹I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

³²And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

Read: John 1:35-51

Monday

35-37 — What did John the Baptist do for two of his own followers? Can you think of a couple individuals that you would like to introduce to Jesus?

Tuesday

38,39 — Jesus invited two disciples to, “Come and see.” Why do you think He did that? What were they looking for? Has Jesus fulfilled your curiosity?

Wednesday

40-42 — Andrew did something special for his brother. What was Jesus’ response to Peter?

Thursday

43-46 — Philip tried to get Nathanael to come and see Jesus as well. Why do you think Nathanael was skeptical? Were you at first skeptical of following Jesus?

Friday

47-51 — Jesus impressed Nathanael. How? What did Jesus promise him (v. 50,51)?

Saturday

Reread John 1:35-51 and jot down some questions for ENCORE.
