

Questions for John 1:19-34

1. Why did John deny that he was Elijah, since Jesus said that he was Elijah in Matthew 11:14? What is significant about John's confessions of not being the Christ, Elijah, or "The Prophet"? (Verses 19-21)

2. What prophecy does John use to identify himself? How did John's ministry fulfill this prophecy? (Verses 22-24)

3. What was so unique about the baptism of John that the messengers recognized it was a sign of something significant, something that would be associated with the coming of the Christ, Elijah, or the Prophet? (Verse 25)

4. Why was Jesus preferred before John? By stating that the Lamb of God came before him, what is John insinuating about the nature of Jesus? Did John baptize Jesus before or after declaring him to be the Lamb of God? (Verses 26-30)

5. How did John not know about Jesus, despite being related and considering John's reaction to Jesus in Matthew 3:13-15? (Verse 31)

6. What happened when Jesus was baptized? What is so significant about John's testimony within the scheme of redemption? (Verses 32-34)