

Word of God Speak! - Gospel of John Series 1f

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John 1:19-28

19 This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?"

20 He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah."

21 "Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?" "No," he replied. "Are you the Prophet we are expecting?" "No."

*22 "Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. **What do you have to say about yourself?**"*

23 John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Clear the way for the Lord's coming!'"

24 Then the Pharisees who had been sent

25 asked him, "If you aren't the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?"

26 John told them, "I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize.

27 Though His ministry follows mine, I'm not even worthy to be His slave and untie the straps of His sandal."

28 This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

Do you ever struggle with knowing who you are?

Do you feel that life has stripped you of your identity at times?

Can you learn anything from John the Baptist's life and calling that can help you understand who you are?

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Do you often let others define you? Do you try and be who you think others want you to be?

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Where did John the Baptist get his identity from?

What does God's Word say about your identity and purpose?

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. ... Jer. 1:5a

Psalm 139:13-18

13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

17 How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me!

John 6:40a

For it is My Father's will that all who see His Son and believe in Him should have eternal life. ...

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

Your identity is found in Christ because it is only in Christ that you can know who you truly are!!!

Acts 17:28a

For in Him we live and move and exist. ...

**See also, Galatians 2:20*