

Gospel of John
(Inauguration Week – Day 1)

I. Prologue (1:1-18)

II. Inauguration Week (1:19-2:12)

-Significance: To portray Jesus as the Author of the new creation?

A. Day 1: The First Formal Public Testimony of John the Baptist (1:19-28)

-Jewish Outrage: How could John call Jews to be baptized? On what basis did John himself administer baptism?

Question #1: Who are you? (v. 19)

-Negatively: John was not the Christ; Elijah (Mal. 4:5, 6; Matt. 11:11-14; 17:9-13; Luke 1:17); the Prophet (Deut. 18:18)

-Positively: John was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” (Is. 40:3)

Question #2: Why are you baptizing? (v. 25)

Observations

- 1) The apostle’s account confirms that the Baptist was not Jesus.
- 2) The apostle calls his readers to do what the Baptist called his hearers to do—to prepare the way for the Lord.

Practical Lessons

- 1) From John’s Explicit Testimony
- 2) From John’s Eminent Humility