"The Word And The Voice"

Speaking That Which Was Intended To Be Spoken

John 1:19-28

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Jesus is the Word, the True Light that was "coming into the world" (v 9). First and foremost this refers to the Incarnation, when the Son of God became a man. But just as "the Word" (Jesus) revealed the One True God, so his "word" (Jesus' message of grace and truth) comes into the world as his people open their mouths and become – like John the Baptist – a VOICE. May your voice be loosed as you learn from John the Baptist to speak of the Law of God and his amazing grace in the Person and Work of his Son Jesus Christ!

I. Your	to Christ or	ught to be a consiste	nt, w	ritness (v 19b-20).
1. John led a life and taught God's Do you represent God well?				
2. Peter calls	us to live	lives in this wor	ld (1 Peter 2:12). Study God's Law!
3. As people	observe our lives	and learn what we be	lieve,	come.
II. Your witnes	s ought to	to focus on	(v 20	-22).
1. Godly live	s will pe	eople's attention, but w	e must refocus	them us.
2. The world	is	_ as long as we witnes	s about	·
3. You canno	ot ultimately bring _	,, or	to him	. Only Christ can!
III. Your witnes	ss ought to be a r	means for the	_ to be	_ (v 23, 26-27).
1. John was	to speak	about Jesus. He ident	tified himself as	"a"
2. A	(the Son) reveals	its Speaker (the Fathe	r) only when its	hearer
3. The Script	ures and the	are God's ordaine	ed means. Don't	
3. Hostility to	ward John and his	s ministry arose from _	0	f the Savior.
IV. Your witne	ss ought to inclu	de a call to	_ the	Christ.
1. "Take, eat	, this is my	which is		
2. "As often a	as you eat this brea	ad and drink the cup, y	/ou	the Lord's death until
he comes. W	/hoever, therefore,	eats or drinks in an _	mar	nner "

Application: This week go to www.wayofthemaster.com/watchepisodes.shtml and watch the episode called "The Firefighter." Ask God to equip you to more regularly and effectively share your faith with those who are quickly slipping toward the terrors of Hell.