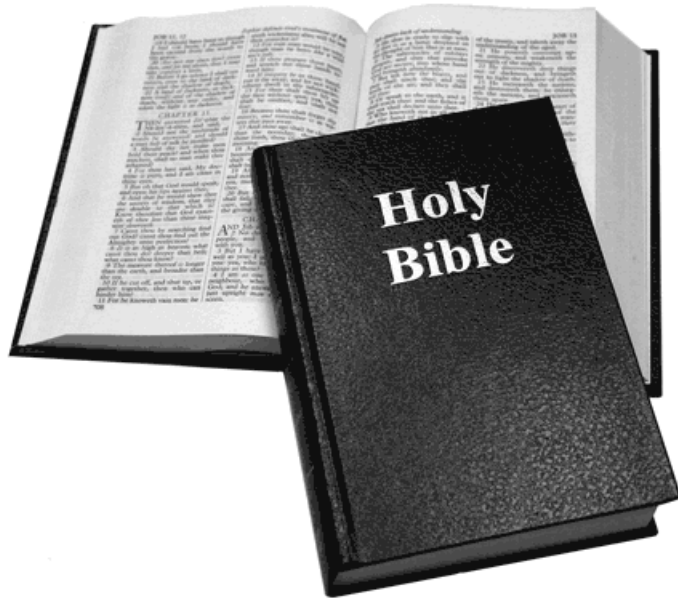


Studies in John – (Study 5) “Then who are you?”

Reading: John 1:19-28



*“These things are written so
that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ...”*

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In this passage we begin properly the historical part of John’s gospel. From considering the divine nature and incarnation of Jesus we move to the narrative of His earthly ministry. Like the other gospel writers, John begins with the testimony of John the Baptist.

- 1) From these verses, how would you describe the character of John the Baptist?
- 2) Verses 19-20 reveal that John the Baptist was something of a problem to the Jewish religious establishment. *What would you suggest the issues were?*
- 3) The reference to the coming of Elijah in Malachi 4:5-6 is regarded as referring to John the Baptist. *Why do you think that the religious leaders ask John whether he is Elijah, and why does he deny it along with the question as to whether he was ‘the prophet’?*
- 4) In verses 22-23 John has the opportunity to set out clearly who he is. *In his reply, what message is he able to give?*
- 5) Having declared his commission in verse 23; what can we conclude about the religious leaders from their response in verses 24-25?
- 6) The Pharisees took exception to John’s practice of baptising repenters in preparation for the Messiah’s coming. *Why do you think this was a problem and how does it allow John to once again make his call in the desert?*