

Who Is Jesus? - A Witness

Isaiah 40:3 ❖ John 1:6-9

"By far the very best thing that John the Baptist ever said or did was what he said to his jealous disciples: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'"

("Bible Characters," Alexander Whyte, 1896, p. 32)

Tell the Truth

Have you ever been a witness in a court case or testified under oath?

John used _____ imagery when he wrote: "John came as a _____ to _____ concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe" (John 1:7).

In this life, we swear to "tell the _____, the whole _____ and nothing but the _____" about how Jesus has saved us.

How did Jesus draw you to Himself?

A helpful acrostic to share your faith:

G _____
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Who Is the Messiah?

"He himself was _____ the light; he came only as a _____ to the light" (John 1:8).

Occasionally one of the pre-school children or a child in the Church will call me "_____." A long time ago, I started correcting them by gently saying, "No, I'm Pastor Tim. I only _____ for Jesus."

None of us is the _____. We, too, only _____ for Jesus.

"For it is by _____ you have been saved through faith - and this _____ from yourselves, it is the _____ of God - not by _____, so that no one can _____" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

My Grandfather Allen used to say: "Don't _____ your arm patting yourself on the _____."

The Witness of John the Baptist

- 1) John's parents _____ him and raised him in the _____ and _____ of the Lord.

"Zechariah and Elizabeth were _____ in the sight of God, but they had no _____, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well along in _____" (Luke 1:6-7).

- 2) John recognized who _____ was.

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the _____ leaped in her _____, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 1:41).

- 3) John _____ people to receive Jesus.

"John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the desert, "Make _____ the _____ for the Lord"' (John 1:23).

- 4) John made it clear that he _____ for Jesus.

"He must become _____; I must become _____" (John 3:30).

Takeaway

How is our Church a witness for Jesus?

How are you being a witness for Jesus? Are you telling others the truth about His great love for you _____ for them?

This Christmas may we be _____ on Jesus' behalf by telling people the _____ about the role He plays in our lives.

