

A witness for Jesus: where life and words come together
(John 1.19-34; 11-15-20am)

Central Thought: When who you are matches what you profess, you will be an effective witness for Jesus

I. A calling from God: helping others see & believe in Jesus

A. A messenger from God

1. Sent from God (6-8)

2. Spoke for God (19-23) What is the point of John's prophecy? What is he telling us?

Jesus fulfills the promise of all the prophets (cf. 2 Cor 1.20)

B. A servant for the gospel (24-28)

John's answers dealt with "who", not "why"

John's life and John's words pointed to Jesus

C. A testimony about Jesus (29-34) The gospel is in verse 29 (cf. Rom 1.16)

1. Redemption (29)

Provision – *Lamb of God*

Purpose – *take away sin*

Power – *(take away sin) of the world*

2. Revelation (30-31)

John wasn't Jesus – Jesus is Jesus Jesus' baptism revealed Him as God's Messiah

3. Confirmation (32-34)

a. *Spirit descending & remaining* validated Jesus ministry (Matt 3.13-17)

b. name – *Son of God* – validated sufficiency of Jesus

II. A calling for all believers: joining your life with your story

1. Our calling is to tell others about Jesus (6-8)
2. Our words should invite questions about Jesus (19-23)
3. Our actions should draw attention to the sufficiency of Jesus (for our lives (24-28)
4. Our planning should make us be ready to point others to Jesus (29)
5. Our goal is to always tell others why Jesus matters to them (29-31)
6. Our story should highlight how we came to know and trust Jesus (32-34)