



Being a Witness... Lessons from an Expert

Series: Gospel of John, #2

John 1:19-34

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Know your subject.

1. Knowledge from God which is certain and accurate. (29-34)
2. Knowledge from God which is personal. (29-34)

Know yourself.

1. Know what you are not. (19-21)
2. Know what you are. (22-27)

Know your purpose.

1. Proclaim Christ. (23, 29-34)
2. Prepare the way for Christ. (23, 31)
3. Point people to Christ. (26-27, 29-34)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read John 1:19-34, reviewing and gaining overall insight into John the Baptist as a witness of Jesus Christ. Record your observations. As you look at this list, examine your witness in light of these things, also noting where you can grow.

Tuesday. John the Baptist's example reminds us that we need to know our subject—Jesus Christ and His salvation. Being an effective witness does not equate with bombarding people with encyclopedic recitations of facts. At the same time, it must be based on God's truth of Christ as Savior which is both accurate and personal. Review the outline and your notes from Sunday on this. Assess how much you know about Christ, your rate of progress and your need for growth.

Wednesday. John the Baptist was an effective witness because he knew what he was and was not. Check the outline and references. List some principles in this area that are important for you and every believer. Then list some of the specific interests, gifts and ministries you believe are God's gifts to you to use for Him.

Thursday. Today review John the Baptist's three-fold purpose as a witness and servant of God (to proclaim Christ, prepare the way for Christ, point people to Christ). Do you share this purpose? Remember, purpose is more than an acknowledgment of what we should be doing. It is also more than a wish. It is what motivates and channels what we do. In light of this, evaluate your witness so far in this week.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will stay in John's gospel, but jump forward to 12:9-19 as we think about *The True Triumph*. Read and think through this section as you prepare for our time of worship together.