

THIS IS THE SON OF GOD.

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Study of John / John 1:15–34

Introduction:

The Apostle John brings us to the beginning of Christ's public ministry with John the Baptist announcing Him and baptizing Him. John the Baptist is a vital figure in Scripture and introduces the Messiah to Israel in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Dave Guzik wrote:

“John was probably the last gospel written, and written in view of what the previous three had already said. This is one reason why John is so different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke.”

I. John's Testimony of Christ. (15-18)

The Bible Knowledge Commentary (1:16)

“Because of the fullness of His grace ... one blessing after another (lit., “grace in place of grace”) comes to Christians as waves continue to come to the shore. The Christian life is the constant reception of one evidence of God’s grace replacing another.”

[Exodus 33:20-23](#); [John 4:24](#); [Luke 24:39](#)

II. John Answers the Priests and Levites. (19-23)

[Isaiah 40:3-5](#)

III. The Pharisees Question John’s Authority to Baptize. (24-28)

(25) Since you do not have an official title and are not one of these prophesied people, why are you baptizing?

IV. John Sees Jesus and Announces Him as Messiah. (29-34)