

Sermon Outline
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Gospel of John (1): The Interview of John
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Sermon Text: John 1:19-28

1. Not the Christ (anointed)

[19] And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" [20] He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

2 Samuel 7:12-17

2. Not Elijah

[21] And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."

2 Kings 2:9-12

Malachi 4:5

Matthew 11:11-15

3. Not "The Prophet"

Deuteronomy 18:15-18

4. The Herald of the New Exodus, the Kingdom of God

[22] So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" [23] He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Isaiah 40:1-5

5. The Preparatory Prophet

[24] (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)

[25] They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" [26] John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, [27] even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." [28] These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.