

THE WORD AND JOHN THE BAPTIST  
(John 1:6-8)

- I. The COMING of John the Baptist (John 1:6)
  - A. John, literally, "CAME into BEING" (cf. 1:3)
    - 1. John was not ETERNAL
    - 2. John was MADE by JESUS
  - B. John was "a MAN," he was not DIVINE
  - C. John was "SENT from GOD"
    - 1. He had a DIVINE commission as a PROPHET (Isa. 40:3 with Matt. 3:3 and Mk. 1:2-3; Mal. 3:1 and 4:5-6 with Luke 1:17)
    - 2. His CONCEPTION and BIRTH were miraculous (Luke 1:7, 36)
    - 3. An ANGEL announced his coming to be the herald of MESSIAH (Luke 1:8-17)
    - 4. The HOLY SPIRIT filled Zacharias to PROPHECY concerning John (Luke 1:67-79)

5. His ministry began at the divinely appointed TIME (Luke 1:80)

II. The PURPOSE of John the Baptist (John 1:7)

A. He "came as a WITNESS"

B. He came "to TESTIFY about the LIGHT"

1. All three Persons of the TRINITY (5:37; 8:18; 15:26)

2. Jesus' WORKS (5:36; 10:25)

3. Old Testament SCRIPTURE (5:39)

4. Several additional HUMAN witnesses (4:39; 12:17; 15:27; 19:35; 21:24)

C. He preached so "all might BELIEVE through him"

III. The SUBORDINATION of John the Baptist (John 1:8)

A. He WAS NOT the Light

B. He TESTIFIED about the Light