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It's Not Me. It's Him

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- 1. Why did the Jews send people to ask John the Baptist the question: 'Who are you?' (Jn 1:19). To answer this question, consult Matthew 3:1-12 and Luke 3:1-22 and consider John's response in Jn 1:20.**
- 2. Why did the Jews ask John if he is Elijah or the Prophet (v.21)? Consult Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:23-24 regarding the prophet and Malachi 4:5-6 regarding Elijah. How did the Jews view the Christ, Elijah and the Prophet?**
- 3. What is John's answer to their question (vv.22-23)? Consult Isaiah 40:3 for the answer. What is John's role according to v.23?**
- 4. What is John's role according to Jn 1:26-27? What does Matt 3:1-12) tell us about his role?**
- 5. Consider John's humility in vv.19-28 and 3:22-30. What is John's view of himself in relation to Christ? How does this affect his life and ministry?**
- 6. John was 100% about pointing people to Jesus and away from himself. Do you share John's humility? Do you share the same understanding of the purpose for your life – to point others to Jesus?**



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7. In vv. 19-28 John makes the point that it's not about him, and he lives to point everyone to Jesus. In vv. 29-34 John makes the point that it's all about Jesus, and he points to Jesus and proclaims several truths about him. What are these truths?

8. John calls Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. What Old Testament lamb does John refer to (See Isaiah 53:1-9 (esp. v. 7); Exodus 12; 1 Cor 5:7)? Take time to reflect on the parallels and the significance of Jesus death on the cross to take away sins.

9. John's message is all about Jesus. He proclaims Christ as the answer for sin. Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus and what steps can you take to tell them?