
John the Baptist and Jesus

John 1:6-13

Introduction

- John 20:30-31
- The message of salvation & people who point others to salvation
- Have you experienced God's salvation?
- Do you have a burden to share the message of salvation?

I. John – The Lamp (vv. 6-8)

- Why insert a section about John the Baptist?
 1. To emphasize the superiority of Jesus over John the Baptist
 - John 3:22-30
 - Too much focus on human examples
 2. To emphasize the importance of human witness
- John versus Jesus
 - John was just a lamp (John 5:33-35)
 - Jesus is the Light

II. Jesus – The True Light (vv. 9-13)

- The universal light available to all men
- John 3:19
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- Three issues that don't matter when it comes to true, saving faith:
 1. "not of blood" –
 2. "not of the will of the flesh" –
 3. "not of the will of man" –
- Salvation is a supernatural work of God