

## Books of the Book Series

### *The Gospel of John* Outline of Script for TV Production 3ABN Studios March 4-12, 2013

#### 5. *The Baptist and the Early Disciples of Jesus (John 1:19-51)*

##### 5. Scene A. The Testimony of the Baptist: Who John Isn't (1:19-28)

1) John 1:19-51, builds on 6-8,15

7a = 19-50

8a = 19-28

7b,8b = 29-34

7c = 35-50

15 = 30

2) The Testimony of the Baptist: Who John Isn't (19-28, cf. 8a)

John 1:8a

2 interrogations:

19-23: "Jews"

19-21 He is not Christ, Elijah or the Prophet  
He is not Messiah in anybody's terms

24-28: "Pharisees"

26-27 This is a slave's task

The one thing a disciple was not allowed to perform  
for his teacher

##### 5. Scene B. The Testimony of the Baptist: Who Jesus Is (29-34, cf. 7b, 8b)

b) Who Jesus is (29-34, cf. 7b,8b)

29-30 Jesus comes first, therefore He is greater than John  
Lamb of God?

– Conquering Lamb (Rev 5)

– Passover Lamb (John 19:31-37)

New Exodus, New Moses

Best fits context

– Submissive Lamb (Isa 53; Gen 22)

– Sanctuary Lamb

31 The Baptist's role: Point out Jesus

He has no advantage, the Spirit points Jesus out

Baptism identifies Jesus (identity)

Through baptism identities are established

- Jesus
- Believers (Rom 6)

## 5. Scene C. The Baptist Movement

Why this self-abnegation on the part of the Baptist?

Ongoing baptist movement

Apollos, Acts 19, Mandaean

Probably became quite radical

Baptist lost his head over politics

Qumran destroyed in 68

With baptistries!

Put him higher than Jesus

Baptist = light, Elijah, Messiah

On what theological grounds?

1) Two Messiahs, Levi and Judah

High Priest and King

Joshua and Zerubbabel

At Qumran, priestly Messiah is greater

Levi older than Judah

2) Earlier is better

HP came first by 400 years

HP anoints king!

Christian response to baptist movement

1) Jesus is both priest and king

(Melchizedek is model and he is earlier than Aaron)

2) Jesus pre-existed John

Baptist came first only because his job was to point out

Jesus!

[John 1:29-34](#)

Pastoral Lesson:

Evidently God can raise up a movement, yet it can turn on Him and His people

## 5. Scene D. The Baptist's Disciples Come to Jesus (1:35-51, cf. [7c](#))

[36-37](#) John gets Jesus started

If the unnamed disciple is John, it gives punch to the Baptist polemic (do as I did)

[46](#) "come and see" = a theme of John

Cf. Nicodemus and Samaritan Woman

Problem of the disciples' call:

Synoptics: Galilee

John: Transjordan

Perhaps they weren't with him all the time from here to Galilee

[46](#) Nazareth and Cana

Three types of Galilean city

Feud

Nathaniel was a true Israelite (contra Jacob's deceit)

For John the true Israelite is one who believes in Jesus

47-48 Jesus knew all about Nathanael

2:23-25, cf. Nicodemus, Samaritan Woman

Pastoral thought: Why not come to Him? (nothing to lose)