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<u>Scriptures</u>

• John 1:22-23;28-34

Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself? He said, "I am a voice crying in the wilderness, 'make straight the way of the LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.

Other Scriptures

- Colossians 1:25-26
- Matthew 16:15-18
- Matthew 28:19
- John 6:53
- Matthew 10:23
- Deuteronomy 18:15
- John 5:46
- I Corinthians 5:7

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<u>Main Points</u>

- The "rock" Jesus builds His church on is the "rock" of revelation.
- As we lift up Jesus, we are voices crying into the wilderness.
- We have a forerunner calling.
- John the Baptist's calling:
 - A voice crying out in the wilderness.
 - A forerunner
- Jesus called us to be witnesses.
- We are sent to prepare the world for Jesus' return.
- Will you receive the call to be a witness?
- John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the world by calling Him the Lamb of God.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the ancient Passover Lamb.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of Passover by becoming the Passover Lamb.
- The New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old Testament.
- John's purpose was to prepare the world for Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit can manifest to you right where you're at.

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways are we like John the Baptist? What is our calling? Who are we calling out toward Jesus?

2. How does John the Baptist provide actual historical testimony to the existence and authority of Jesus Christ? Why is this especially important for our salvation?

3. Are you ready to take up your role as preparer of the world for the return of Jesus?