

John 1 part 4

We have seen in verses 1-4 the doctrine of Christ's pre-existence, His deity, that He is the Creator, life and light of men, that John the Baptist was His witness bearer, that He (Jesus) gives power to become sons of God, and that He is full of grace and Truth.

I. THE RECORD OF JOHN

- 19** And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
- 20** And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- 21** And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

A. ARE YOU ELIJAH?

That is, he was not Elijah the prophet that lived in Ahab's time, and was called the Tishbite; for John's answer is to the intention of their question, and their own meaning in it, and is no contradiction to what Christ says of him, that he was the Elias that was to come; for he was the person meant by him in [Malachi 4:5](#) though not in the sense the Jews understood it; nor is it any contradiction to what the angel said to Zacharias, for he does not say that John should come in the body, but in the power and spirit of Elias.

- *"For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come."* - [Matthew 11:13,14](#)
- *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, And the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."* - [Malachi 4:5](#)
- *"And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."* [Luke 1:17](#)

B. ARE YOU THE PROPHET?

Jeremiah, whom some of the Jews ⁴²⁹ have thought to be the prophet Moses spoke of, in [Deuteronomy 18:15](#) and expected that he would appear about the times of the Messiah.

- *"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken... I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. ¹⁹ And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him."* - [Deuteronomy 18:15, 18](#)
- Peter and Steven both quote this verse applying it to Jesus. We find Philip doing the same thing in verse 45!
- In Matthew 11, Jesus says that John was "more than a Prophet".

C. WHO ARE YOU?

- 22** Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
- 23** He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

TURN TO ISAIAH 40. read vs. 3-11
- HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?

❖ **QUESTIONS OF HIS IDENTITY V.12-14**

1. Who measures, comprehends, and knows all? – v.12

WATER -There's a whole lot of water on Earth! Something like 326,000,000,000,000,000 gallons (326 million trillion gallons) of the stuff (roughly 1,260,000,000,000,000,000 liters) can be found on our planet. This water is in a **constant cycle** -- it evaporates from the ocean, travels through the air, rains down on the land and then flows back to the ocean.

SPAN – 9 inches

MEASURE – "at three" or "in the third"

2. Who needs no counsel or instruction? – v.13,14

❖ **THERE IS NONE LIKE HIM V.15-25**

1. Overwhelming things are as nothing to Him. – v.15

(ISIS, the Election, Health, ect...)

2. He's worthy of more than we can possibly give. - v.16

LEBANON = SLIGHTY SMALLER THAN CT.

3. The affairs of men are vanity to the Lord. – v.17

4. There is no god or image like unto Yahweh. – v.18- 21

5. Mankind is insignificant in view of God. – v.22- 25

❖ **CALL TO ACTION V.26-31**

1. Lift up your eyes, behold His greatness. – v.26, 27

2. Realize your openness before Him. – v.27, 28

3. Trust in His might. –v. 29

- **He saved us – John 5:24**

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

- **He sealed us - Eph 1:12-14**

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (*Eph 1:12-14*)

- **He will keep us – 1 Peter 1:3-5**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (*1Pe 1:3-5*)

4. Wait upon Him. –v.30, 31