

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: November 5, 2014
John 1:19-34

1. Why were these people coming to question John?
 - a. Verse 19 says they were priests and Levites sent by the Jewish leaders.
 - b. They were the religious leaders, so if somebody was teaching about God administering religious sacraments, they should know about it.
 - c. These were the same people who were always questioning Jesus.
 - d. All of the above.

2. What were they referring to when they asked who he was?
 - a. Messiah (Matthew 2:4) _____

 - b. Elijah (see Malachi 4:5) _____

 - c. The Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:14-21) _____

3. Why did John the Baptist deny being Elijah, when Jesus later said that he was (Matthew 11:14 & 17:12)?
 - a. This just shows you that the Bible must not be true.
 - b. Some believed that the prophesy meant that Elijah would actually be reincarnated or would reappear.
 - c. John wasn't there to talk about himself and his own significance, but rather to testify regarding the Christ.
 - d. Most people associated the text regarding Elijah in Malachi as talking about the Messiah.
 - e. John was very forward that he was not the Messiah and did not want to be the focus of the attention, but wanted to point to the one who should be the focus.

4. Who is the focus of the things that you say? _____

5. Who did John say that he was?
 - a. He indicated that he was the one who was to prepare the way for the Messiah.
 - b. He quoted Isaiah 40:1-3.

6. What does John mean when he declares that Jesus is the Lamb of God? _____

7. Who told John that Jesus was the Messiah?
 - a. His name was Jesus, and we all know who Jesus is.
 - b. He had been talking to the priests and teachers of the law.
 - c. God had given him a sign.

8. How did Jesus baptize, according to verse 33? _____

9. How is this different from John's baptism? _____