

## THE WAY OF THE LORD

**John 1:19-28**

Sunday, December 17, 2017

John 1:23; He said I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.

When John the Baptist came, his role was to point to one man in the midst of the crowd and set Him forth as the Lord. John's identification of Jesus as the Christ could pass so far as His outward appearance was concerned, but God Himself declared from heaven that Jesus is His beloved Son.

The priests only came to see Jesus because of curiosity and were not expecting to hear a message from God that they could apply to their lives. Sometimes we attend times of worship not ready to receive the Spirit life and faith from Christ Jesus.

John proclaimed the most exciting news that ever greeted the ear of man: Christ came into the world to save sinners. As followers of Christ we are also called to spread the gospel of His redeeming love. The way of the Lord means that we are to take the Word of God seriously, to be receptive to the spiritual challenging parts of scripture, to not use the Word of God to say just the things we want to hear but believe what the Word of God truly says, and not to deceive ourselves into thinking that hearing the Word of God is the same as doing the Word of God.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, guide us by your gracious hand to do your will, your way. Lead us as we proclaim the truth and authority of scripture. Thank you that the life we are now living is lived in the faith of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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