John 1:6-13

1. There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
2. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.
3. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
4. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
5. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
6. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

1. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
2. children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

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**I. GOD SENT JOHN THE BAPTIST TO PREPARE JESUS’ WAY (6-8)**

**First, John's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - God sent John (6)**

V. 6, "There was a man sent from God whose name was John."

John 15:16a, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last."

Matthew 3:4, "John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey."

Matthew 11:11, “Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Hebrews 12:1-2, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such **a great cloud of witnesses**, let us **throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles**. And let us **run with perseverance** the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfector of faith. **For the joy set before him he endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**Second, John's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - to testify his personal relationship (7)**

V. 7, "He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe."

V. 34, "I have seen and I testify that that this is God’s chosen one."

1 John 1:1, "Which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life."

V. 41, "We have found the Messiah (that is, the Christ)."

V. 45, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law... -- Jesus of Nazareth."

John 4:39, "He told me everything I did."

V. 29, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

**Third, John's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – to be a witness of Jesus (8)**

V. 8, “He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.”

1 Peter 5:5, “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, `God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

1 Corinthians 10:12, “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!”

**II. JOHN TESTIFIED ABOUT JESUS THE LIGHT OF MANKIND (9-13)**

**First, Jesus Is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Light (9)**

V. 9, "The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world."

**Second, Jesus Is Tragically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the People (10-11)**

V. 10-11, "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him."

**Third, Jesus Is Wonderfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God’s People (12-13)**

V. 12-13, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

John 5:24, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

**One Word: How to Have the True Light Jesus!**

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1. How did God commission John the Baptist to prepare Jesus’ way (V. 6, Jn 15:16a), and what was significant about his lifestyle? (Mt 3:4, 11:11)

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1. What was the content of John’s testimony (V. 7, 29, 34), and what should you testify about Jesus? (1Jn 1:1, 41, 45)

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1. Why should you be humble like John as a witness of Jesus? (V. 8, 1Pe 5:5, 1Co 10:12)

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1. How did John’s words reveal Jesus as the true light (V. 9), and how can you receive him personally? (V. 12-13, Jn 5:24)

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