

Someone once said, “When you come to the place in your life where you have more memories than dreams, you have started the process of dying.” John the Baptist was not looking back, he was a man on a mission! John understood God’s life purpose for him was to testify about Jesus Christ. Today, we begin the public ministry of Jesus with John’s testimony!

Key thought: God’s purpose for your life is to point people to Christ; fulfill your mission.

TESTIFY!

“John’s testimony” (vs. 19) – *Marturia* = content of what a witness tells, (we get our word martyr from this root)

“Confessed” (vs. 20) – John boldly and openly testified

- To people in opposition (1:19-28)
- To people in public (1:29-34)
- To people in your circle of influence (1:35-39)

TESTIFY CLEARLY!

Someone once said, “grace is sweet, when sin is bitter.”

- Verbally (vs. 23, “I am a voice”) (vs 29, “Behold the Lamb of God”)
- Visibly (verses 25, 28) – John was baptizing

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TESTIFY SPECIFICALLY!

- The person of Christ (verses 23, 26-27, 36)
- The passion of Christ (verses 29, 36)

I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field. *John Wesley*

Take away:

- Be prepared, prayerfully
- Be clear, it’s all about Jesus
- Be intentional