

## **Behold, the Lamb of God!**

*John 1:6-8, 15, 19-34*

John, the disciple of Jesus and author of this Gospel, writes about John the Baptist's ministry. (We don't want to confuse the two Johns.) We know from this and the other Gospels that John the Baptist preached a message of repentance from sin and baptized people in the river Jordan in preparation for the coming of the Messiah (Christ).

### **John's Unique Calling**

Sent from God (*vs 6*)

Fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy (*vs 23*)

Baptized to prepare God's people for the Christ (*vs 31*)

Received his understanding of Jesus from God (*vs 32-34*)

Jesus spoke highly of him (*Matthew 11:11*)

### **Our Shared Purpose as Christians**

Bear witness about the Light (Jesus, Christ, Son of God) (*vs 7*)

Clarify we are not the light (*vs 8, 19-21*)

### **Our Common Witness of Christ**

He ranks higher than anyone (*vs 15 & 30*)

He is eternal (*vs 15 & 30*)

He is worthy beyond measure (*vs 27*)

He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (*vs 29*)

He is the Son of God (*vs 34*) [and God in the flesh, *vs 1, 14*]

He baptizes with the Holy Spirit (*vs 33*)