

**Presentation of the Son of God  
by John the Baptist  
1:19-34**

Intro. This second unit of John's Gospel (1:19–12:50) presents the Public Ministry of the Son of God to Israel. It is often referred to as the **"Book of 7 Signs"** because it presents seven of Jesus' miracles, which support His claims to be the Son of God, and Israel's Messiah.

**I. The Presentation of the Son of God by John the Baptist 1:19-34**

A. John the Baptist's witness to the priests and Levites (1:19-28)

1. The meaning of "Jews" in John's Gospel (v. 19)

2. The religious leaders' three questions (vv. 20-21)

1) "Are you the Christ?"

2) "Are you Elijah?" (Mal. 4:5-6)

3) "Are you the prophet?" (Deut. 18:15, 18)

**"Behold the Lamb of God!"**

3. John the Baptist's three replies (vv. 20-21) *John's replies grew progressively shorter:*

1) *"I am not the Christ"*

2) *"I am not"*

3) *"NO"*

4. John the Baptist identifies himself as the "forerunner" of Messiah (vv. 22-28)

B. John the Baptist's identity of Jesus at His baptism (1:29-34)

1. Jesus is the Lamb of God (1:29a)

2. Jesus takes away the sins of the world (1:29b).

3. Jesus existed eternally (v. 30)

4. Jesus is the Son of God (1:31-34)

Application: May God help us to bear witness to the fact that Jesus is the eternal Son of God!