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John 1:6-8; 19-28

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The power of story (vv. 6-8)

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John” (John 1:6).

*“[The] stories [of the Gospel of John] are so simple that even a child will love them, but its statements are so profound that no philosopher can fathom them”
(Charles Erdman, Sr.).*

The power of testimony (vv. 19-23)

“I am not the Christ...I am not [Elijah]...[I am not] the Prophet...I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness” (1:20-23).

*“So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?’...Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony”
(John 4:28, 39).*

The power of truth (vv. 24-28)

“[The Pharisees] asked him, ‘Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?’...John answered them, ‘I baptize in water, but among you stands one you do not know’” (1:25-26).

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant” (Philippians 2:5-7).

