

The Gospel According to John

John 1:19-39

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Messiah, Elijah, The Prophet

19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? **Are you Elijah?**"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

The Lion of Judah, The Lamb of God:

- Contradiction
- Paradox
- Inconsistency
- Incongruity
- Discrepancy
- Disagreement

John is introducing a dark theme to the whole concept of "Messiah"!

John sends his disciples to Jesus:

John 1:38

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

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So, what do you want?

What do you want of Jesus?