

**Sermon Title:** Back to Square One

**Passage:** John 1:19-42

**Main Idea:** John introduces us to Jesus

**Setting:** Having established his purpose in writing in John 1:1-18 and giving us a glimpse of what lies ahead, John goes back to square one. John 1:19-42 serves to introduce us to Jesus at the very beginning of His ministry. We are first introduced to John the Baptist who quickly, and willingly, fades into the background as Jesus takes center stage.

**I. John's Identity (1:19-28)**

- A. Question: the religious leaders inquire about John's identity (19-21)
- B. Answer: John gives a somewhat vague answer (22-23)
- C. Clarity: The religious leaders are asking the wrong question (24-28)

**II. John's Testimony (1:29-34)**

- A. Introduction: John introduces Jesus (29)
- B. Identity: John clarifies who Jesus is (30-31)
- C. Proof: John explains how he knows that Jesus is the Son of God (32-34)

**III. John's Ministry (1:35-42)**

- A. Introduction: John once again introduces Jesus (35-36)
- B. Interest: Two of John's disciples are intrigued by Jesus (37-39)
- C. Excitement: Andrew introduces his brother to Jesus (40-42)

**Conclusion:** John's testimony that Jesus is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (1:29) looks forward to the cross. Because you are a sinner, you deserve death (Rom. 3:23; 6:23), but Jesus took your punishment so that He could give you His life. Your sin has been paid for with the blood of Jesus Christ, will you trust Him?

### **Application Questions:**

- Both John the Baptist and Andrew testify to Jesus' identity in these verses, who is Jesus?
- How is John the Baptist's humility a challenge to us as believers?
- How is Andrew's response to Jesus a challenge to us as believers?
- What is one thing that you will do this week in response to the truth of John 1:19-42?

### **Children's Application Questions:**

- Who does John the Baptist say that Jesus is?
- Why do you think that John the Baptist did not get mad when two of his disciples left him to follow Jesus?
- Who does Andrew say that Jesus is?
- Who do you say that Jesus is?

### **Similar Passages of Scripture to Explore:**

- Isaiah 40:3-5
- Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6
- Matthew 3
- Mark 1:1-11
- Luke 1:5-25, 57-80; 3:1-22
- John 3:22-36
- Revelation 5

### **Songs & Hymns to Meditate on:**

- His Robes for Mine
- And Can It Be?
- Free from Guilt and Free from Sin
- From Heaven's Holy Throne (Dustin Battles)
- Jesus Paid It All
- Easter:
  - Weep No More
  - Resurrection Hymn

