

John 1:6-8

The Text of John 1:6-8:

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

- A. Jesus was deity born of a virgin (**Matthew 1:18-23**). John’s conception was something special too (**Luke 1:5-13; 18-25**).
 - 1. Jesus and John were related in the flesh (**Luke 1:35-36**).
 - 2. John was kept apart until it was time for him to work (**Luke 1:76-80**).
 - 3. Jesus certainly thought highly of John (**Matthew 11:11**).

- B. John was sent from God (**Isaiah 40:3-5, Mark 1:1-5, and Matthew 17:10-12**).
 - 1. John was sent from God with work to do (**Luke 1:14-17 and Luke 16:16**).
 - 2. John was a firm doer of God’s will. He was not a compromiser (**Mark 6:17-28**).
 - 3. The work Jesus and John did was so similar that some confused the identities of John and Jesus (**Matthew 16:13-14 and Luke 3:15**).

John 1:7 - *“The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.”*

- A. John did bear witness of Christ (**John 1:15 and John 5:33**).
 - 1. He testified that Christ is the true light (**John 1:9**).
 - 2. While John was a great man and did the work of bearing witness of Christ, there is a greater witness of our Lord (**John 5:36-39**).

- B. John’s goal was to be a vessel for men to believe in the Lord (**Matthew 3:1-12**).
 - 1. Jesus certainly promoted John as this vessel too (**Luke 7:24-30**).
 - 2. Think of how far the work John started had spread (**Acts 10:35-37**).

John 1:8 - *“He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.”*

- A. John did not try to make disciples for himself or seek some form of greatness (**John 1:26-34**).
 - 1. John fully understood that he was not to stand in the way of the work of Christ (**John 3:27-36**).
 - 2. John’s humility continued to be taught long after his death (**Acts 13:23-25; 19:4**).

- B. We need to learn from John that it is not about us (**Romans 12:3**).
 - 1. We must have the mindset of a servant (**I Corinthians 7:21-23 and Philippians 2:3-8; cf. Luke 17:7-10**).
 - 2. We need to be humble (**James 4:6 and I Peter 5:5-6**).