

## Believe and Have Life

*The Gospel of John*

### John 1:19-34

**Read John 1:19-34.**

1. What is John the Baptist doing and where? (v. 28; Mk. 1:1-8)
2. John's baptism (immersion in water performed by another for forgiveness of sins) was not a regular part of Jewish religious practice. In the Jewish system how were sins forgiven? (Lev. 4:27-35)
3. How do the religious authorities from Jerusalem react to John the Baptist and his activities?
4. Why do you think they were questioning John's preaching and baptism so intently?
5. After many years of brutal Roman occupation, what kind of hopes and expectations did the Jewish people have?  
  
Dt. 18:15, 18 Is.  
  
9:6-7  
  
Is. 11:1-5  
  
Mal. 4:5
6. John denies being the fulfillment of any of these expectations (vv. 19-21). What has he been sent to do? (1:6-8, 15, 20, 23, 31)
7. How does John describe Jesus?

