

**"Becoming An Effective Witness"**  
**John 1:19-34**  
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Point #1: To be an effective witness for Jesus, you need to be clear on who you are not. (v.19-21)

*Interrogation of John the Baptist:*

1<sup>st</sup> Question: "Who are you?"

Answer: "I am not the Christ."

2<sup>nd</sup> Question: "Are you Elijah?"

Answer: "I am not."

3<sup>rd</sup> Question: "Are you the Prophet?"

Answer: "No."

Point #2: To be an effective witness for Jesus, you need to know who you are. (v. 22-24)

Point #3: To be an effective witness for Jesus, you must point people to Jesus. (v. 25-34)

*Question:* How could a Gentile convert to Judaism in Bible times?

(Three Requirements)

1. You had to receive instruction by the scribes.
2. You had to be circumcised if you were a male.
3. You had to be baptized in a ritualistic cleaning that spoke about you leaving your old way of life and becoming a citizen of the Jewish community.

*As a witness, what does John the Baptist tell us about Jesus in verses 25-34?*

1. He speaks of the greatness of Jesus. (v. 26-28)
2. He speaks of the coming sacrifice of Jesus. (v.29)
3. He speaks about the pre-existence of Jesus. (v.30)
4. He speaks about the filling and empowering of Jesus. (v.31-33)
5. He speaks about the deity of Jesus. (v.34)