

WITNESS

Light
December 8, 2019

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I. Sent

*There was a man **sent from God**, whose name was John (John 1:6).*

“Sent me” – Occurs 34 times in the book of John.

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **hears my word** and **believes him who sent me has eternal life**. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from **death to life**” (John 5:24).*

*“Behold, **I send my messenger**, and he **will prepare the way before me**. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the **LORD of hosts**” (Malachi 3:1).*

*He (John) was **a burning and shining lamp**, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light (John 5:35).*

A. Zeal – To undergo combustion.

B. Illuminate – To make known

II. Witness

*He (John) came as **a witness**, to **bear witness about the light**, that **all might believe through him** (John 1:7).*

“Witness” – Occurs 29 times in the book of John.

“You sent to John, and **he has borne witness to the truth** (John 5:33).

III. Wisdom

He was not the light, but came **to bear witness** about the light (John 1:8).

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

IV. Burden

¹⁴ “You are **the light** of the world. A city set on a hill **cannot be hidden**. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it **under a basket**, but on a stand, and **it gives light to all** in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that **they may see** your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:14–16).

For whoever is **ashamed of me and of my words**, of him will **the Son of Man be ashamed** when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. (Luke 9:26).

V. Speak

This is the disciple who **is bearing witness** about these things, and who has written these things, and we know **that his testimony is true** (John 21:24).

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