



Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John John 1:19-28

Sunday Day 8

* Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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* **The Collect**
Collecting your thoughts so you can focus
on God.

John 1 (NIV)

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders^[c] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

 **Scripture**

*Today is a day to simply introduce yourself to the text for the week. Read it over slowly several times in a leisurely way and reverential manner. This is a day of rest so don't work at this reading. Just drink it in and let the powerful word of God begin its work in you this week. Think of meeting, Jesus, the living Word, in this passage this week.



*Meditation

*The Words of God are life. It is worthy for us to approach these words with reverence, expectation and delight. God will speak to you this week as you open up your heart to Jesus, the one whom John the Baptist elevated. the life of Jesus as told to us by the disciple whom Jesus loved.

***Meditation**

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May the blessing of pointing others to Jesus invade your being today in a powerful way.

 **Blessing**