

**7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)****Lesson Plan:** John the Baptist / Baptism / Calling Disciples**Learning Goals:** Students should be able to identify unique features in John's gospel connected to Jesus' Baptism and Calling of the disciples.**Question:** Have you ever had a time where you did not meet someone else's expectations? What was that like?

Prayer.

Discuss question on board. (5 minutes)

Read John 1:19-51 (Maybe show video clip from "The Gospel of John")

1. What questions to the priests and Levites ask John? What do you think this reveals about why they were sent?
2. How does John describe his calling from God? What is he supposed to do? What prophecy is fulfilling?
3. How does John describe his relationship to Jesus?
4. Who does John say that Jesus is? (*hint: he uses two different titles*)
5. What evidence does he give to support this claim about Jesus' identity? What miraculous signs supported Jesus' identity?
6. What are the implications for the Jewish people and their worship if Jesus is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" ?
7. How is this title connected to the Passover?
8. The only real mention of baptism in this passage is when John says that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. What do you think this means?
9. Who were the first disciples of Jesus that are mentioned in John's gospel?
10. How do you think John felt when these disciples left him?
11. Where do we see John's theme of witness in this passage? (*Hint: two examples*)
12. What is a disciple and what does a disciple do?
13. What phrase does Jesus use to refer to himself in this passage?

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**Lesson Summary/Review:**

Students should review and highlight the following vocabulary terms and concepts from this lesson in their notes:

- Son of Man
- What is the significance of John the Baptist calling Jesus "the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?"
- Where do you see the theme of witness that is a prominent feature in John's Gospel?