

Greek Readings
Series B, Advent 3
John 1:6-8, 19-28

• **Verse 6**

- Parse Ἐγένετο. _____ . What is the relation between the appearance of this verb in vv.3, 6, and what does this imply about John? (Consider the use of ἵνα in relation to Jesus) _____ .
- Parse ἀπεσταλμένος. _____ . What does this verb communicate to us about John's authority? _____ .
- Parse αὐτῷ. _____ . Why is this word in the dative case? _____ .

• **Verse 7**

- Parse μαρτυρήσῃ. _____ . What does the repetition of μαρτυρία language in the Gospel of John tell us about John "the Baptist's" role in the gospel? (cf. Mt. 3:1; Lk. 3:3; Mk 1:4) _____ .
- What type of ἵνα clause is ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ? (cf. Voelz, 180) _____ .
- What is the difference in translation between περί + gen. and περί + acc.? (cf. Voelz, 85) _____ .

• **Verse 8**

- Notice the use of ἵνα with the statement that John was not the light. Why might the Gospel of John want to portray John the Baptist in this way? _____ .
- Note the repetition of the phrases ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ and περὶ τοῦ φωτός in vv.7-8. How do you account for these repeated words? _____ .

• **Verse 19**

- Parse αὕτῃ. _____ . What type of word is αὕτῃ? (cf. Voelz, 63) _____ . Notice that this demonstrative pronoun looks ahead, and so provides the content of John's testimonium.
- Parse ἐρωτήσωσιν. _____ . What is the meaning of this word? (cf. BDAG, p.395, 1; TDNT 2:685) _____ .
- Why may it be important that the ἱερεῖς καὶ Λευίτας are mentioned as the inquirers of John here? (both words occur only here in John's gospel) _____ .

• **Verse 20**

- What might be significant about the repetition "ώμολόγησεν ... οὐκ ἤρνήσατο ... ώμολόγησεν"? _____ . What meaning does the editor of BDAG assign to ὄμολογέω here, and why? (cf. BDAG, p.708, 3b) _____ .
- Parse ἤρνήσατο. _____ . What is the meaning of this word? (cf. BDAG, p.132, 2) _____ .
- What is important about the inclusion of Ἐγώ in John's reply? (cf. 3:28 [of John]; 18:35 [of Pilate]; also 4:26; 6:20, 35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 18, 23 (2x), 24, 28; 9:9; 10:7, 0, 11, 14; 11:25; 13:19; 14:3, 6; 15:1, 5; 18:5, 6, 8) _____ .
- Why is the inclusion of the article ὁ before Χριστός significant? _____ . How would the meaning of John's response be different if it were absent? _____ .

• **Verse 21**

- What is the meaning of Τί οὖν and how would you translate for your hearers? _____ .
- Which "prophet" did the Priests and Levites have in mind? (cf. Deut. 18:15, 18; Jn. 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22; 7:37) _____ .

• **Verse 22**

- Why might the Priest and Levites have asked John if he was Elijah? (cf. Mal. 4:5-6) _____ .

- Why might the Priests and Levites have asked John if he was the Prophet? (cf. Deut. 18:15, 18) _____.
- Prophetically speaking, are Elijah and the Prophet the same person or different persons? _____.
- Parse δῶμεν. _____ . List the principal parts. (cf. Voelz, 351) _____.
- Parse πέμψασιν. _____ . Explain the presence of ψ in this form. (cf. Voelz, 4, 127) _____.

- **Verse 23**
 - What is important about the inclusion of Ἐγὼ considering the previous discussion above? _____.
 - Where does this citation come from? _____ . Notice that much is made of this citation in all four of the Church's gospels. (cf. Mt. 3:3; Mk. 1:3; Lk. 3:4) _____.
 - How does John's response in the gospel of John compare with the LXX? (cf. Matt. 3:3, Lk. 3:4) _____.
 - Why might the Gospel of John use different language? _____.
 - Only the gospel of John includes καθὼς εἶπεν Ἡσαῖας ὁ προφήτης. What may this indicate about his hearers? _____.
- **Verse 24**
 - Parse ἤσαν. _____ . Give the dictionary entry for the present, past, and future tenses. (cf. Voelz, 75) _____.
- **Verse 25**
 - Why type of statement is βαπτίζεις ... εἰ ... εἰ? (cf. Voelz, 181f.) _____.
 - Why might the Priests and Levites have been concerned about John's Baptism? _____ . What had been John's response to the coming of the Pharisees and Sadducees to his baptism in Mt. 3:7ff.? _____.
 - How do you account for these differing perspectives? _____.
- **Verse 26**
 - Parse ἔστηκεν. _____ . Give the dictionary entry. (cf. BDAG, p.482) _____ . Is this verb transitive or intransitive? (cf. Voelz, 226) _____.
 - What is the significance of the phrase ὃν ὑμεῖς οὐκ οἴδατε? _____.
- **Verse 27**
 - What is the meaning of οὐ οὐκ? _____.
 - Parse λύσω. _____ . For whom is this task usually reserved? _____.
- **Verse 28**
 - Only John records the phrase Ταῦτα ἐν Βηθανίᾳ ἐγένετο πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου. May there be any significance to this historical data? _____.

Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.