

# There Was A Man

**Scripture: Jn. 1:1-6**

**Intro:** The memory of John draws from us an admiration that would do us all well to emulate. How do you wish to be remembered? (Ez. 22:30)

1. He was a miracle. (Jn. 1:6; Lk. 1:13-17)
2. He did no miracle. (Jn. 10:41)
3. He had Jesus say the greatest thing about him when he had said the worse thing he could say to Jesus. (Mt. 11:3,8-11)

## **I. Man of Conviction. (Esther 4:14)**

- A. Conviction about truth. (Ps. 119:160)
  1. About the Bible: Word of God. (Ps. 119:9,11)
  2. About the Lord: Son of God. (I Jn. 5:4-5)
- B. Conviction about testimony. (I Cor. 1:4-6)
  1. In affliction. (Ps. 119:67,71,75) Not afraid of hard times. (James 5:17)
  2. In offence. (Ps. 119:165) Not afraid to stand.
    - a. Know that God orders your steps. (Ps. 37:23-24)
    - b. Know that God orders your stops. (I Thes. 2:18; Rom. 1:13; Phil. 1:12)

## **II. Man of Devotion. (I Cor. 4:2; Neh. 6:3)**

- A. Devoted to certain way of life. (Ps. 16:8; Acts 2:25)
  1. God's desire: To reach. (Lk. 19:10)
  2. God's method: To send. (Ez. 22:30)
  3. God's agent: A man. (Jer. 12:11)
    - a. Devoted to the Lord of Glory.
    - b. Devoted to a life of good. (Jer. 6:16)
- B. Devout in certain work of life. (Neh. 6:3)
  1. Will not be delayed. (Acts 6:4) "We will give ourselves". (Neh. 11:2)
    - a. Who is so important as to take you from God's task for your life? (Lk. 9:59-60)
    - b. What is so important as to take you from God's task for your life? "Me first"
  2. Will not be deterred. (Acts 5:29)
    - a. Stay in it: Involvement. (I Sam. 15:22)
    - b. Stay with it: Inclusion. (Isa. 6:8; Heb. 12:2)

### **III. Man of Destiny. (I Sam. 1:28)**

- A. Settled conviction God has a place for you. (Jn. 1:6)
  - 1. What God is searching for. (Ez. 22:30; I Cor. 1:26-29)
  - 2. Who God is searching for. (Jn. 6:37)
    - a. Conviction that you will fit in that what.
    - b. Conviction that you will be that who. (Isa. 6:8)
- B. Settled conviction about God's place for you. (I Cor. 12:18)
  - 1. Will do what is necessary to prepare for it. (II Tim. 2:15; Heb. 5:12)
  - 2. Will do what is necessary to produce in it. (Heb. 6:1; 12:1)