A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: December 27, 2020 Fulfilled – John 1:19-34

- 1. What, according to verses 19, are we going to be hearing about in this text?
- 2. Why were the priests and Levites coming to see to John?
 - a. Verse 19 says they were priests and Levites sent by the Jewish leaders.
 - b. They were the religious leaders, so if somebody was teaching about God and administering religious sacraments, they should know about it.
 - c. These were the same people who were always questioning Jesus.
- 3. What does verse 20 tell us about John's response?
- 4. Why did John the Baptist deny being Elijah, when Jesus later said that he was (Matthew 11:14 & 17:12)?
 - a. This just shows you that the Bible must not be true.
 - b. Some believed that the prophesy meant that Elijah would actually be reincarnated or would reappear.
 - c. John wasn't there to talk about himself and his own significance, but rather to testify regarding the Christ.
 - d. Some people associated the text regarding Elijah in Malachi as talking about the Messiah, himself, although Jesus apparently did not.
 - e. John was very forward that he was not the Messiah and did not want to be the focus of the attention but wanted to point to the one who should be the focus.
- 5. Who did John say that he was?
 - a. He indicated that he was the one who was to prepare the way for the Messiah.
 - b. He quoted Isaiah 40:1-3.
- 6. What did the Pharisees ask him in verses 24-25?
- 7. When people give you attention (maybe even ask you who you are), how do you respond?
- 8. Who told John that Jesus was the Messiah, according to verse 32-34?
 - a. His name was Jesus, and we all know who Jesus is.
 - b. He had been talking to the priests and teachers of the law.
 - c. God had given him a sign.
- 9. How did Jesus baptize, according to verse 33? ______
 How is this different from John's baptism? ______
 Whose job was it, then according to John, to tell people the Jesus was God's chosen one?
- 10. Do you have the same kind of clear understanding of God's call for you?