John 1:19–28 English Standard Version (ESV)
And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.
John 1:32 ESV
And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”

Implications

• If Jesus came as the light to help reveal God’s true intent to us, what we learned is that God is working to restore order/shalom/peace to His world.

• Chaos cannot be dealt with unless we are willing not only to bring it into the light, but then plunge back into it ourselves. It is when we accept God’s invitation to meet Him in our chaos that He can start restoring peace.

• The invitation is to come into the water and get into the chaos — it’s where God can be found, hard at work!

• We can either stand on the bank and make excuses, stand on the bank and be afraid, stand on the bank and be angry — or we can join God in His great restoration project, one mess at a time.

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