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BELIEVE

"Seeking Confirmation; Seeing Christ"

INTRO: *Having mentioned John (the Baptist) twice in his prologue, John continues his Gospel with the Baptist's ministry as Messianic forerunner. The religious atmosphere was ripe with Messianic expectations. Would people accept the evidence confirming Jesus as the promised Messiah?*

I. God provided _____ of His coming Messiah.

The initial piece of evidence was a promise that came immediately after the Fall of Man (Gen. 3:15). The final piece was the promised ministry of a Messianic forerunner (Malachi 4:4-5).

II. Those who refuse to acknowledge their need for a _____ will never accept _____ of Jesus as _____ (1:19-28).

The term "Jews" referred to the prideful religious leadership more concerned with protecting positions of power than with a need to repent of sins (Cf. Matt. 3; Luke 3). Their search for confirmation would not be satisfied.

III. To receive confirmation that Jesus is the _____ you're seeking... (1:29-34). *John the Baptist received the confirmation he needed and so can all who do these two things.*

A. _____.

B. _____.