

“Who REMAINS With You?”

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† John, the writer of this book, is also the John who is a disciple of Jesus.

† John the Baptist, who is being written about here, is the John who baptized Jesus and was the son of Mary’s cousin, Elizabeth.

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† God had shown John the Baptist that Jesus was the Messiah using the sign of the dove.

† Signs help lead us in the right direction or to do the proper thing.

† God does give me signs, the key is to be watching for them and then act on them.

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34 I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

† An important aspect is that the Holy Spirit remained on Jesus.

† Jesus and the Holy Spirit do not have a “come and go” relationship.

† The Holy Spirit of God is to remain with me.

† I notice signs from God more fully when I have God’s Holy Spirit remaining with me.

† God’s Holy Spirit remains on me through prayer, doing devotions and study, by living the life God created for me.

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† Just as John the Baptist was searching for the Messiah, what am I searching for in my life?

† God gave John a sign. How has God given me a sign (or signs) in my search?

† Has God’s Holy Spirit remained on me or do I let God in only to visit on occasion?

† What is one way I can allow God’s Holy Spirit to remain on me more this week?