

## PERSON OF INTEREST

### JOHN 1: 1-9

**Focus scripture vs 7:** He came as a witness to bear witness concerning that light so that through him all men might lead.

Introduction: Technically there is no legal definition for the phrase “Person of Interest” but you here about it when it’s tied to someone who could be a suspect in a crime or just as easily a witness.

Law enforcement agencies often use the phrase to avoid the negative connotations implied by other words like suspect or alleged. They want to be sure that they are not implying that the person has been charged with any crime.

**Vs 6 & 7:** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness to bear witness concerning that light so that thru him all men might believe. Note: To bear witness means to “testify” or “declare”. Witness reflects the court room language of the Old Testament where the truth of a matter was to be established on the basis of multiple witnesses: 1 person can plant a seed, another person can water the seed but God gives the increase.

Not only is John, called John the Baptist, witness regarding Jesus as Messiah and Son of God but there were other witnesses.

1. The Samaritan Woman (4:29) - come see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?
2. The work of Jesus (10:25) - the work that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me.
3. The Father (5:32-37) - and the Father himself has testified of me.
4. Jesus said that even the Old Testament Scripture testified about me (5:39 & 40).
5. And the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father, will testify of me (15:26 & 27).

**That all through him might believe.** The pronoun him, refer not to Christ but to John as the agent who witnessed to Christ. The purpose of his testimony was to produce faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world.

**Vs. 8: He was not that light.** While John the Baptist was the agent of belief Jesus Christ is the object of belief.

When you are a Person of Interest you have to expect that you are going to be followed.

We know that there are two forces present in our world, there’s good and evil. Remember Paul said that when I want to good evil is always present.

If you are looking for trouble, trouble is also looking for you too.

We are all followers of something or someone. Who are you following?

Seek you first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. (**Matthew 6:31-33**).

**Psalms 23:6:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

You are being followed because you are a “Person of Interest”

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