John is the Witness from God Who Testifies Concerning the Light

There came forward a man who had been sent (forth on a mission) from God;

This same (man) came for the purpose of giving a testimony,

so that he should testify concerning the ‘Light’,

in order that {men of} all {sorts [categories/nations]} should {come to} believe through him.

Not (to say) that (man) was himself the ‘Light’,

but rather, (to say) that he should testify concerning the ‘Light’.

If John the Baptist is a true prophet, then he is not ‘The Prophet’, but only “a” prophet who pointed to ‘The Prophet’ Who was to come (Deuteronomy 18:15,18,19; Acts 3:22-24, 7:37), ‘The Prophet’ Who was even at that very time coming (1:9). The apostle John’s explanation here should turn any remaining followers of John the Baptist toward following Christ. Compare Acts 18:24-19:7.