

## **THERE'S A MAN GOIN' AROUND TAKIN' NAMES** **(John 1:19-29)**

**Introduction:** The old Gospel song – “*There’s a Man Goin’ Around Takin’ Names*”

### I. THERE’S A NAME-TAKING TRIAL GOING ON

A. It was true for John the Baptist (verses 19-23)

B. It’s true for us today as well

### II. BUT WHO IS ON TRIAL?

A. John the Baptist or his accusers? (verses 24-28)

*- The court scene in a Woody Allen Movie*

B. There were actually two trials going on (verses 27 & 29)

### III. FOR GOD’S PEOPLE, THERE’S A NAME-CLEARING TRIAL!

A. In Zechariah 3 we see a heavenly court scene ( Zech. 3:1-5;8-9)

B. Jesus is our defence attorney who clears our names (Zech. 3:9; John 1:29; Col. 1:20)

C. At our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are given a new name (Rom. 8:1)

Conclusion: *The gravestone with no name*