

John The Baptist

I. Are You The Messiah?

- A. **Luke 7:19-22** ⁹ And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? ²⁰ When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? ²¹ And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. ²² Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.
- B. John imprisoned by Herod Antipas
- C. Tells John I am fulfilling: **Isaiah 35:5-6** ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

II. Jesus Describes John

Luke 7:24-28 ²⁴ And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? ²⁵ But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. ²⁶ But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. ²⁸ For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

- A. John the Baptist
 - 1. Baptized near the Essene Community at Qumran – at the Jordan River
- B. Preaced “repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”
- C. John is a man of conviction (not a reed in the wind)
- D. A man who wears prophets’ clothes = garment of camel’s hair – belt of a ram (stood in the office of Moses)
- E. Greatest Prophet – the forerunner of the Messiah

III. Least In The New Covenant

- A. A Covenant written in the heart
- B. Member at death – go straight to Heaven
- C. Believers filled with God’s Spirit

IV. Prophetic Signs Before Jesus’ Coming

- A. Europe united with no borders
- B. European Economic Community – new Parliament in France
- C. E.E. C. – new trade agreement with China