

# THE BOOK OF JOHN

## John The Baptist - Living A Great Life

### I. John Knew Who He Was

1. A man sent from God
2. A witness to the light
3. The voice of one crying in the desert

Isaiah 40:3-5, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."

4. A Baptizer: "I with water...."

### II. John Knew Who He Wasn't

1. Not the Messiah
2. Not Elijah

Malachi 4:5, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:"

Matthew 17:12-13, "But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist."

Luke 1:17, "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

3. Not the prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15, "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;"

One of life's most crucial questions is in verse 22: "Who are you?"

### III. John Knew Who Jesus Was

1. His Presence: Among you stands One you do not know.
2. His Greatness: The laces of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie...
3. His Purpose: Look, the Lamb of God!
4. His Nature: Surpassed me because He was before me.

5. His Calling: He saw the Spirit come down from heaven and remain on Him.

6. His Power: He will baptize with the Holy Spirit

7. His Godhead: I have seen and testify that this is the Son of God.

The big test!!—"Everyone is going to Him!"

Humility is a great idea...until it takes the focus off of you!

Even more...until it puts the focus upon someone else.

**John has 4 specific answers to this test of humility:**

1. A man can receive only what is given to him from heaven—The security of God's sovereignty.
2. I said, "I am not the Christ"—The acceptance of his humanity.
3. I have the joy of a bridegroom's friend whose bride has come—The joy of ministry.
4. He must increase, I must decrease—The urgency of humility.

**Want to live a great life?**

1. Ask God for wisdom to know who you are.
2. Ask God for the humility to know who you are not.
3. Make a lifelong commitment to discovering who Jesus is.