



THE COMING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Luke 1:17

1. The _____ of the Messiah

The coming of the Messiah was set upon the backdrop of the arrival of the one who would come as Elijah. Like a trumpet blast, John was the pronouncement of the Savior.

“For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ~ Matthew 11:13-15

2. The _____ of his Ministry

John’s ministry was to bring the fathers back to the children. Not to restore familial fellowship but to bring the truth of God from the days of the patriarchs—the faith of the ancients—back to the current generation.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ~ Mark 1:2-3

3. The _____ of his Mission

John’s mission was fulfilled not in his increasing popularity but in the impartation of repentance and faith in those to whom he preached. When men turned to Christ, the work of the final Old Testament prophet had been accomplished.

“The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.” ~ John 3:29

LUKE 7:28

“I TELL YOU, AMONG THOSE BORN OF WOMEN NONE IS GREATER THAN JOHN. YET THE ONE WHO IS LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS GREATER THAN HE.”



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Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

John 3:27-28

John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’”

Malachi 4:5-6

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Matthew 17:11-13

He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Malachi 3:1

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.”

Matthew 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Isaiah 40:3

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Acts 19:3-4

And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”