

Message: Descend into Greatness

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11

1. WE ARE ALL ON A QUEST FOR GREATNESS.
2. YOU WERE CREATED WITH GREATNESS IN MIND.
3. THE GREATEST WHO EVER LIVED: JOHN THE BAPTIST

... "Of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist." Matthew 11:11

"I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming who is greater than I am- so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Matthew 3:11

He must be greater, I must be less. John 3:30

John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. Matthew 11:2

So he sent this disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" Matthew 11:3

Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen- the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." And tell him, "God blesses those who do not turn away because of me." Matthew 11:4-6

"What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces... John is the man whom the scriptures refer... I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist." Matthew 11:7-11

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11