



# 600 Years Before

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# John 1:19-28

And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Therefore, they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.” Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. This One is He who comes after me, of whom I am not worthy to untie the strap of His sandal.” These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

# The Prophecy

600 years before

Isaiah 40:3 - 40:8

A voice is calling, “Prepare the way for Yahweh in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

Then the glory of Yahweh will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.” A voice says, “Call out.” Then he answered, “What shall I call out?” All flesh is grass, and all its lovingkindness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of Yahweh blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

# The People Anticipated a Messiah

**John 1:45**

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

**Luke 1:54 - 1:55**

He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers,  
To Abraham and his seed forever.”

**Luke 1:68 - 1:71**

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He visited and accomplished redemption for His people, And raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant— As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old— Salvation from our enemies, And from the hand of all who hate us,

# The Leaders intimidated by John

John 1:19

And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent to him **priests** and **Levites** from Jerusalem to ask him, “**Who are you?**”

**Read:** Matthew 2:1-12; and verse 16

# I' Am not the Christ...v.20

John 1:6 - 1:8

There was a man having been sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to bear witness about the Light.



# Are You Elijah

## Elijah

Malachi 3:1

“Behold, I am going to 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 Yahweh of hosts.

Malachi 4:5

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh.

## Appearance The Same

Mark 1:6

And John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and was eating locusts and wild honey.

2 Kings 1:8

And they said to him, “He was a hairy man with a leather girdle girded about his loins.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.”

# The Same Sermon

Repentance

1 Kings 18:18

And he said, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house have, because you have forsaken the commandments of Yahweh and you have followed the Baals.

21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you be limping between two opinions? If Yahweh is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people did not answer him a word.

Read: Matthew 3:6-12



# Are you the Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15 - 18:18

“Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers; you shall listen to him. This is according to all that you asked of Yahweh your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of Yahweh my God; let me not see this great fire anymore, or I will die.’ And Yahweh said to me, ‘They have spoken well. I will raise up a prophet from among their brothers like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.’”

# A Voice Crying in the Wilderness v.22-23

- John Humble Response

“John and Isaiah likened the hearts of Messiah’s people to a desolate wilderness, through which a smooth, level road needed to be prepared for His coming. Once again, John emphasized his humility and subordinate role. He was merely a laborer, preparing the road in advance of the King.”

# Why are you baptizing... then v.24-26

John 1:24 - 1:26

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but among you stands One whom you do not know.

- I baptize with water- I am nothing
- Among you stands one.,.- The Messiah is here

# Are You Crying in the Wilderness

Isaiah 24:19 - 24:23

The earth is broken asunder; The earth is split through; The earth is shaken violently. The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard And it totters like a shack, For its transgression is heavy upon it, And it will fall, never to rise again. So it will be in that day, That Yahweh will punish the host of heights on high, And the kings of the earth on earth. They will be gathered together Like prisoners in the pit, And will be confined in prison; And after many days they will be punished. Then the moon will be humiliated and the sun ashamed, For Yahweh of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, And His glory will be before His elders.

Read: Matthew 25:31-46

“And now let us bow down  
before the Majesty of our  
Gracious God”