

## None Greater than John the Baptist ~ *Except You!*

**Matthew 11: 2** Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples

**Matthew 14:3-4** For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

3 and said to Him, "Are You ~~the Expected One~~ the **One who is to come**, or shall we look ~~for someone else~~ for **another ?**"  
*{i.e., **another in addition to you**}*

**Isaiah 52:13** Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

**Isaiah 53:3** He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities

4-5 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

7 As these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, what did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who wear soft clothing are in kings' palaces!

9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.

10 "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'

11 "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom heaven is greater than he.

**Job 14:1-2** "Man, who is born of woman, is short-lived and full of turmoil. Like a flower he comes forth and withers"

**Job 15:14** "What is man, that he should be pure, Or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?"

14 ~~"If you are willing to accept it"~~ "If you **get it / catch on**, John himself is Elijah who was to come.

**Malachi 4:5** "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and ~~terrible~~ **awesome** day of the LORD."

**John 1:21** They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not."

**Luke 1:17** It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other children,

17 and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!'

19 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her ~~deeds~~ **children.**"

**Hebrews 8:6** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

**Psalms 32:1** How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!

2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,

**Colossians 2:13** He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

14 ~~having canceled~~ having **blotted** out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

**Hebrews 7:19** for the Law made nothing perfect, and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better ~~hope~~ **certain expectation** through which we draw near to God.