

“Encounters with Jesus Part 2: John the Baptist”

John 1:19-37

John the Baptist also mentioned in John 1:6-8 and 3:23-36.

Luke 1:5-80, specifically 9, 15, 39, 41, 76-79.

Israel split in 931 BC. Assyria defeated Israel in 722.

Judah fell to Babylon in 586.

Medes/Persians defeated Babylon 539 and some Jews came back.

Zerubbabel built temple (538-515 BC);

Ezra reformed the people (458-456 BC);

Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem's wall (442-432 BC).

Malachi wrote around 430 BC.

Silent years, though Judaism “providentially prepared” (Getz).

<http://www.raystedman.org/bible-overview/adventuring/the-400-years-between-the-old-and-new-testaments>

Galatians 4:4. Acts 17:31.

Pharisees (conservative, literal, purists);

Sadducees (rationalists, liberals, absorb the culture).

John being Elijah: Luke 1:17; Matt. 11:14, 17:12; Mark 9:13.

Malachi 4:5 predicts Elijah.

Deut. 18:15 predicts the Prophet. John 1:45 sees them as one and the same. John 1:25 and 7:40-41 show different thinking.

Isaiah 40:3 (John 1:23; Mark 1:2-3; Luke 3:4-6).

John 1:29, 36: “Lamb of God;” Lev. 16:1-34; Ex. 12:1-51; Isaiah 53:7; Isaiah 53:12.

John 1:32-33: Matt. 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22.

Baptism by Holy Spirit: 1Cor. 12:12-13.

John 3:30.

How had God prepared you for today? What is your response?

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Young People's Questions

1. In today's sermon, John the A_____ tells of an encounter with John the B_____.
2. Was John the Baptist a Baptist? Y or N
3. Does John the Apostle tell about John the Baptist's life? Y or N
4. When was John filled with the Holy Spirit?
5. After the prophet Malachi, there were more than 400 years without a prophet in Israel. According to Galatians 4:4, Jesus was then born:
6. Who is The Prophet that Moses prophesied in Deuteronomy 18:15, that the people thought John the Baptist might be?
7. John the Baptist calls Jesus the “Lamb of God.” This title is not used anywhere else in the Bible. What might this title mean?
8. How did John the Baptist not “recognize” Jesus, when Jesus was his cousin?
9. When do believers get baptized in the Holy Spirit?
10. John 3:30 is a quote from John the Baptist that we could also say about our lives and Jesus. Write it here to remember it: