

Matthew 3:5-6

“Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.”

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Question #1: Are you the Christ?

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Question #2: Are you Elijah?

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Five similarities between John the Baptist and Elijah:

1. Both are sent by God.
2. Both come from the wilderness.
3. Both preach a bold message of repentance and if not judgment from God.
4. Both speak directly against the leaders of Israel.
5. Both dress the same.

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2 Kings 1:5-8

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Why did they think John was Elijah?

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Malachi 4:5

“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.”

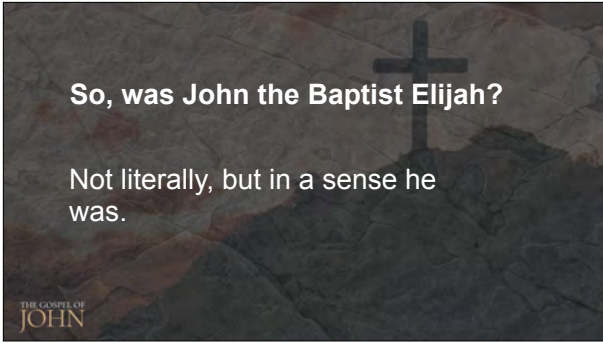
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Luke 1:8-17

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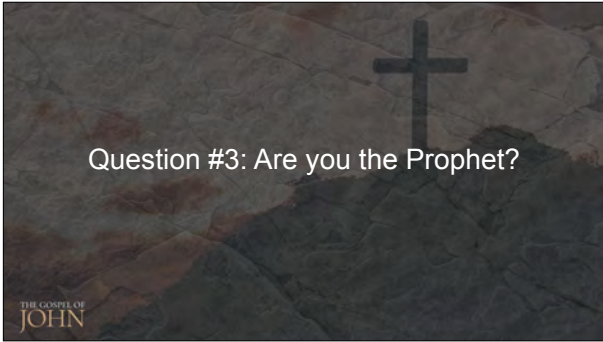
Matthew 11:7-15

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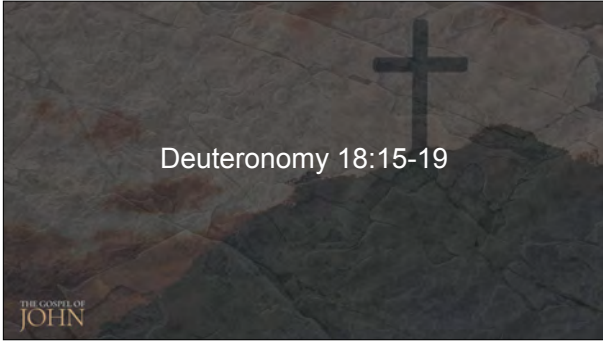


So, was John the Baptist Elijah?

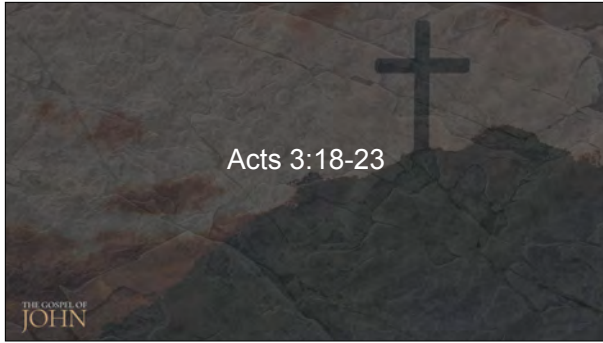
Not literally, but in a sense he was.

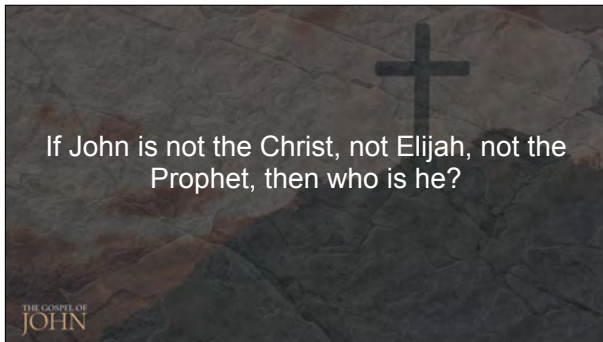


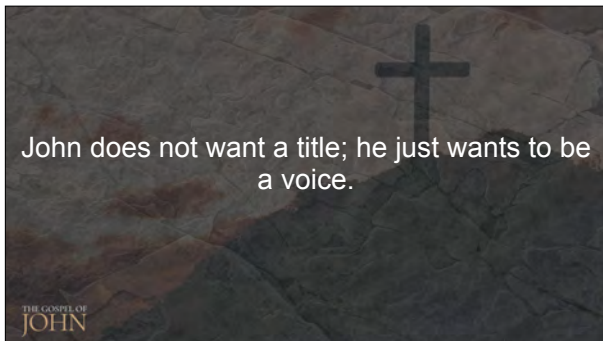
Question #3: Are you the Prophet?

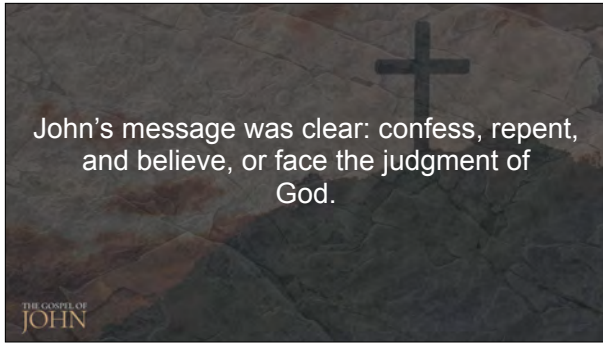


Deuteronomy 18:15-19











Series: John

Sermon: John 1:19-28

1. John the Baptist was not concerned about being given a title by man. He was not concerned with prestige, fame, fortune, or the approval of man. He appeared to be singularly focused on his mission. Though John was unique, what are some lessons that we can learn from him and apply to our lives?

2. According to these passages, what were the ones being baptized by John expressing? In other words, what were the spiritual requirements for baptism.

A. Matthew 3:5 _____

B. Mark 1:4-5 _____

C. Luke 3:7-8 _____

D. Acts 19:1-5 _____

3. In Matthew 3:7, John called those who were self-righteous and unwilling to confess and repent as a “brood of vipers.” Who does Jesus refer to as vipers in Matthew 29:30-34. _____ Though it is difficult for us to see with our eyes who is a viper, what common traits can we look for according to the these verses?

4. A person as important as John the Baptist was to the announcement of the Messiah and as obedient as he was to the Lord, must have surely been blessed by an easy life and death on earth, right? See Mark 6:17-29. _____

How does John’s death compare to Elijah’s entrance into heaven? See 2 Kings 2:11-13. _____ What are we to make of these two men with so much similarity in life, yet dissimilarity in death?

5. Besides the days surrounding John’s baptism of Jesus, it is only recorded that they had been around each other one other time. Where in the Bible can that be found? _____