

# John



## BACKGROUND

### AUTHOR

Generally understood to be the disciple John

### DATE WRITTEN

Between 60-65 AD

### THEME

To show that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that you may believe in Him

### KEY VERSES

John 1:1

### John 1:6-34

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### John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah

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21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know.

27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

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### John Testifies About Jesus

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32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

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- **Read Matthew 11:11-14, Mark 9:11-13, Luke 1:16-17**

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### John the Baptist Beholds the Lamb of God

**Malachi 4:5**

5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.”

**Matthew 11:11-14**

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, **he is Elijah who is to come.**

**Mark 9:11-13**

11 And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” 12 And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But **I tell you that Elijah has come**, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

**Luke 1:16-17**

16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 **and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

**Deuteronomy 18:15-18****A New Prophet like Moses**

15 “**The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen**— 16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

**Acts 3:18-22**

18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. 22 Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. 23