

A Crisis Of Faith Pt4

John The Baptist

ISAIAH 40:1-5

1. *Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.*
2. *Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.*
3. *The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*
4. *Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:*
5. *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*

MALACHI 3:1-3

1. *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*
2. *But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:*
3. *And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

LUKE 1:13

13. *But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*

LUKE 1:15-17

15. *For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.*
16. *And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.*
17. *And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, **to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children**, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

JOHN 1:6-8

6. *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*
7. *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*
8. **He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.**

MATTHEW 3:1-6

1. *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,*
2. *And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
3. *For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*
4. *And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.*
5. *Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,*
6. *And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.*

MATTHEW 3:11-17

11. *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*
12. *Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*
13. *Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.*
14. *But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?*
15. *And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.*
16. *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*
17. *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

JOHN 3:30 *He must increase, but I must decrease.*

MARK 1:14

14. *Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,*

MATTHEW 11:2-3

2. *Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,*
3. *And said unto him, **Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?***

LUKE 7:21

21. *And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.*

MATTHEW 11:4-6

4. *Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5. The blind receive their 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.*
6. And **blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.**

THE FORGOTTEN BEATITUDE [61-0425E]

But we find that this eagle eye had got filmed over, because they had taken him out of his habitation from the wilderness, and had put him down into an old dirty, musty jail.

UNBELIEF DOES NOT HINDER GOD [62-0128M] But what it was, he was exactly the type of Elijah. You see? He had to have that shaken-up condition.

GETTING IN THE SPIRIT [61-0428] And Elijah had a breakdown when he was under the juniper tree. John had a breakdown in the prison. And he was a high pitched prophet. Them nerves on edge. And then his eagle eye filmed over.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS [63-0324M]

Q22. Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture?

Sure. That's what's going on right now. See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. It is the Message of the hour (See?), the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour; **it'll be so humble...**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS [63-0324M]

Now, He never give him a book on how to behave himself in jail.

IT WASN'T SO FROM THE BEGINNING [62-0630B]

He thought, *"Here, I preached the Messiah was going to free the people. And here a little gentle Fellow, pushed around from here and there: a strange Messiah."*

But what he couldn't understand, there was the sign over Him but yet He was so much different. He wasn't that great guy was going out and tearing up everything, like he thought He would. He was little, gentle, meek sort of a Fellow, pushed around from here to there, you know. *"What a strange fellow this Guy is."*

So he sent two of his disciples, and said, *"Go ask Him, is He the one?"* Now, that was the poorest compliment that he could've ever paid to Jesus, after he'd announced that that was the Messiah, and then come back and say, *"Is that Him?"* **But Jesus understands our weaknesses.** He turned around and paid the greatest compliment that He could pay to any man, to John.

LUKE 7:24-28

24. *And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?*
25. *But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.* 26. *But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.* 27. *This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.*
28. *For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.*

MARK 6:17-29

17. *For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.* 18. *For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.* 19. *Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:* 20. *For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.* 21. *And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee;*
22. *And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.* 23. *And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.* 24. *And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.* 25. *And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.* 26. *And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.* 27. *And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,* 28. *And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.* 29. *And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.*

MATTHEW 17:10-13

10. *And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?*
11. *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.*
12. *But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.*
13. *Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.*