

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 995: What Made John the Baptist So Special?

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SHOW NOTES

1. What was special about John's parents? (See Luke 1:5-7)
2. How were Elizabeth and Zacharias a "circumstantial preparation" for John's life? How did they influence how he was raised? (See Luke 1:5-7,13,15-16)
3. What circumstances did the Lord arrange for John to help him prepare and focus for his mission in life? How would the influence of this "tool" affect John's free will to choose how he lived his life? (See Numbers 6:1-8)
4. What were the three aspects of the Nazarite vow that John followed? How did the Nazarite vow affect John's character? (See Numbers 6:2-6; 2 Kings 1:7-8; Matthew 3:4; Luke 3:1-6)
5. What were the five admonitions in John's bold and honest message? How do they apply to us today? (See Luke 3:7-16)
6. What was John's mission? (See John 1:23,26-27,29-34)
7. How can everyone achieve greatness? (See Mark 10:35-45; John 13:15; Philippians 2:3-5; Galatians 5:13)
8. What was John's reaction when he realized that Jesus' rise signaled his own decrease in importance? (See John 3:30; John 3:25-30; Matthew 3:13-17)
9. Jesus recognized John's greatness and equated John's work with which great prophet? (See Matthew 17:9-13; Isaiah 40:3-5)
10. Why did John question Jesus' messiahship from prison? (See Matthew 11:2-3) What was Jesus' answer, and why did it likely bring great joy and peace to John's heart? (See Matthew 11:4-6) How did Jesus describe John to the multitudes? (See Matthew 11:7-11)
11. What are the ingredients of greatness? How can you apply these in your life?