

Bible Biographies

Sunday Night Auditorium Class

John the Baptist

Introduction

John the Baptist was different, to say the least. He came in the style of a prophet, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. He was a loner, living in the wilderness – he didn't go to the people; they came to him. He had one purpose in life – to this purpose he was born, and to this purpose he died. He came to clear the way for the Lord Jesus Christ. He is more than an admirable character. He is an amazing example of resolve and courage and, from him, we can learn that it takes courage to truly put God first and live according to His purpose and not our own.

Questions

1. Read Malachi 4. Do you see John the Baptist in this passage? Why?
2. Describe the events surrounding John's birth (see Luke 1).
3. What was the first message John preached?
4. Describe the nature of his baptism.
5. How did he respond to the Pharisees and Sadducees when they came to be baptized? Why?
6. What was his attitude toward Jesus (see John 1)?
7. What was Jesus' attitude toward John (see Matthew 11).
8. How and why did John die?