

# Berean Bible Class

**Matthew 11:1-15**

**John The Baptist**

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## Matthew 11:1-15

- 2** And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples
- 3** and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

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### John The Baptist

**Father:** Zacharias, priest of the division of Abijah Luke 1:5

**Mother:** Elizabeth, descendent of Aaron Luke 1:5

**Birth:** Announced & Named by the Angel Gabriel Luke 1:13, 19

Elizabeth was a relative of Jesus' Mother Mary Luke 1:36

Mary visited Elizabeth for about 3 months Luke 1:56

Elizabeth called Mary's Baby Lord Luke 1:43

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### John The Baptist – Statements by Angel Gabriel

**Status:** **Great in the Sight of the Lord** [Luke 1:15](#)

**Drink:** **No Wine or Strong Drink** [Luke 1:15](#)

**Ministry:** **Turn Many to God** [Luke 1:16](#)

**Task:** **Go Before Him** [Luke 1:17](#)

[Luke 1:17](#) He will also 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 a people prepared for the Lord.”

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### John The Baptist

**Location:** Wilderness of Judea & Jordan River [Matthew 3:1-6; 11:7](#)

**Food:** Locusts and Wild Honey [Matthew 3:4](#)

**Clothing:** Camel's Hair, Leather Belt [Matthew 3:4](#)

**Similar to Elijah** [2 Kings 1:8; Zech. 13:4](#)

## Matthew 11:1-15

### John The Baptist – A Prophet

Luke 1

<sup>76</sup> A Prophet of the Highest

Matthew 11

<sup>9</sup> But what did you go out to see? A prophet?  
Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

<sup>10</sup> For this is *he* of whom it is written:

*Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.*

<sup>11</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist ....

## John The Baptist – A Preacher

- ✓ Went into all the region around the Jordan, **preaching** a baptism of repentance for the remission of sin [Luke 3:3](#)
- ✓ The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
**Prepare the way of the LORD** [Luke 1:16](#); [Matthew 3:3](#)
- ✓ He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [Matthew 3:13](#)

## John Baptized Jesus Matthew 3

- 13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
- 14** And John tried to prevent Him, saying, **“I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”**
- 15** But Jesus answered and said to him, **“Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”** Then he allowed Him.



## John Baptized Jesus Matthew 3

- 16** When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove** and alighting upon Him.
- 17** a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

**Did John See the Spirit Descend Like a Dove? YES.**

**John 1:32-34**

**And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him .....  
“Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”**

**Thus, John saw the Spirit descend on Jesus.**

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**At Jesus' Baptism (Matthew 3:17) Was God's Voice Audible? Yes.**

**It was audible the other 2 times God spoke like this:**

- 1. Transfiguration [Matthew 17:3](#)**
- 2. As Christ approached the cross [John 12:27–30](#)**

**Thus, John heard an audible voice.**

**Did John the Baptist know Jesus was the Christ? Yes.**

**John 1:29-30**

**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is He of whom I said, “After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’**

**Thus, John the Baptist:**

- 1. Knew Jesus was the Christ**
- 2. Saw the Spirit Descend on Jesus**
- 3. Heard the Voice from Heaven confirm Jesus = Son of God**

## Matthew 11:1-15

### Although knowing, John asks:

**11:3** Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another? **Jesus Replies:**

Evidence

**Matthew 11:5** *The blind see 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.*



Prophecy

**Isaiah 35:5-6** ..... the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing .....

**Isaiah 61:1** ..... the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted .....

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**So, Why does John Ask:**

**11:3** Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?

**John already knew the answer:**

**Luke 7:18** Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things.

**Thus, Jesus provides assurance to John, who later that year was beheaded.**

## More Than a Prophet

Matthew 11:9-10

**But what did you go out to see? A prophet?  
Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.  
*Behold, I send My messenger.....***

### 1. Jesus' Messenger / Forerunner

Malachi 3:1

**“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way  
before Me.....**

## More Than a Prophet

### 2. Prepared Jesus' Way

Isaiah 40:3

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness:**

**Prepare the way of the LORD;**

**Make straight in the desert**

**A highway for our God.**

Matthew 11:10

**For this is *he* of whom it is written:**

***Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,***

***Who will prepare Your way before You.***



## Matthew 11:1-15

### Jesus' Unique Description of John

**14** And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come.

**IF** Jesus Received = Elijah Who Is To Come

Jesus Was Rejected = Thus Elijah Is **Yet To Come**

### John confirmed he was not Elijah

**John 1:21** And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

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### Jesus' Reference to John & Prophecy

Prophecy

**Malachi 4:5** Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Fulfillment

**Revelation 11:3** And I will give *power* to my two **witnesses**, and they will **prophecy** one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

**1,260 days = 1<sup>st</sup> 3 ½ Years of 7 Year Tribulation**

**Matthew 10:32-42**

**Because of these Truths,**

**We Should**

**Like John, Be Assured Jesus is The Christ**

**Live like Jesus is Lord**

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